

President Ford's pledge of honesty

Gerald Ford yesterday took over the Presidency of the United States and addressed Americans that "in all my public and private acts" he would see that honesty is always the best policy in government.

The Secretary of State. Mr Ford took the oath of office half an hour later. Speaking after taking the oath, President Ford said: "Truth is the glue that holds our Government together." Although strained, that bond was still unbroken at home and abroad. The new President has called a joint session of Congress for Monday evening

to discuss "the priority business of the nation." He met Congressional leaders yesterday and received pledges of cooperation from them. Mr Nixon flew to California yesterday with his wife, daughter Tricia and her husband, after an emotional farewell meeting with the Cabinet and White House staff.



President Ford takes the oath of office from Chief Justice Warren Burger in the East Room of the White House.

Americans are told: The national nightmare is over

Richard Nixon, 56, was sworn in as the thirty-eighth President of the United States as Mr Nixon's resignation became effective. Ford, in what he called a "little straight talk" to the nation on the day after the oath had been administered: "My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over. Our Constitution works. Our great Republic is a government of laws, not men. Let us begin to mend the fabric of our nation. Let us begin to mend the fabric of our nation. Let us begin to mend the fabric of our nation."

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President Ford visited the White House Press Room shortly after being sworn in. He promised an "open and candid" Administration, saying that at the age of 61 he was too old to change his habits. He appointed as Press Secretary a well-known Washington reporter, Mr Jerry TerHorst, chief correspondent in the capital for the Detroit News.

Mr Ford today, even more impressively than he had last night in his reassuring remarks on his lawn, struck an unerring tone of humility and good heart. His measured compassion for the Nixon's, the hope that Richard Nixon "who brought peace to millions of us for himself", was moving.

Then came the powerful, compelling renunciation of the Watergate era. "I believe that truth is the glue that holds government together—not only our Government but civilization itself. That bond, though strained, is unbroken at home and abroad. In all my public and private acts as your President, I expect to follow my instincts of openness and candour with full confidence that honesty is always the best policy in government."

Emotional farewell to White House staff by Mr Nixon

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Internment's violent anniversary in Ulster

From Robert Fisk Belfast
Provisional and official IRA sympathizers in Northern Ireland yesterday took part in a violent, if entirely predictable, protest on the third anniversary of internment without trial. They hijacked, and in most cases burnt, at least 55 lorries, buses and cars in the Co Down border town of Newry and in Belfast.

Cyprus demarcation lines settled by joint commission

From Paul Martin Nicosia, Aug 9
The mixed Cyprus ceasefire commission today signed an agreement which will provide the basis for the demarcation of Turkish and Greek Cypriot territory. With a smile and a handshake Turkish and Greek officers sealed the accord, aimed at strengthening the ceasefire.

Three killed in mid-air crash

Three people died in a mid-air crash between an RAF Phantom jet and a Piper crop-spraying aircraft at Denver Sluice, near Downham Market, Norfolk, yesterday.

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£3m cannabis haul in crates for embassy

By Clive Borrell
More than two and a half tons of cannabis, worth just over £3m on the black market, was being guarded by police and customs officers at a warehouse in Liverpool last night. It is the biggest quantity of illegal drugs ever discovered in Britain. For the past 19 days armed police have watched in some detail the collection of the consignment.

We used to enjoy being sneezed at.

In Fribourg & Treyer's early days at 34 Haymarket, certain differences to the present scene would have been noted. Apart from there being, literally, a hay market at the south end - useful for one of our partners who kept his horse stabled in the back room - the Prince of Wales's set and many other members of the gentry were in the habit of calling in to sample their snuff on the premises.

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HOME NEWS

200 food price increases approved

By Hugh Clayton
More than 200 food price rises of up to 25p in the pound were announced yesterday. Most had been allowed in full by the Price Commission.

The price rises cover Colman's mustard, Lyons coffee, Vesta packet meals, Rowntree sweets and most biscuits made in Britain. They come less than a month after Sir Arthur Cockfield, chairman of the commission, said that food no longer led the inflationary price spiral.

Gold rose tree model stolen

Police were searching yesterday for three men in their twenties they believe could help with inquiries into the theft of a gold replica of a rose tree in the Fernborough Abbey, Hampshire.

Canal restrictions 'could have been avoided'

By Our Planning Reporter
The latest restrictions on the use of canals, caused by exceptionally low water levels, should never have been necessary, Mr John Dodwell, general secretary of the Inland Waterways Association, said yesterday.

Another man to face trial over explosions

From Our Correspondent Manchester
Magistrates in Manchester agreed yesterday to defer the committal for trial of two sisters and a man, accused of conspiring to cause explosions.

Mr Silkin better

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Scanlon warning of industrial unrest over unions Act changes

By Alan Hamilton Labour Staff
A winter of industrial chaos should Labour fail to win the next election has been predicted by Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, and one of the most influential voices in the trade union movement.

Writing in the Union's monthly journal, he said that trade union members cannot deceive themselves about the intentions of either Conservatives or Liberals for working people; a vote for either of those two anti-working class parties would be a vote for the enemies of the union movement.

Tories plan new policy on industry

By Our Political Staff
A new Conservative policy on industry to be disclosed soon, will contain proposals for participation by employees in management, a theme that Mr Prior, shadow minister for employment, touched upon in a speech at the University of Conservative College, Yorkshire.

The proposals will require changes in the Companies Act, but the emphasis will be upon flexibility. Industry will not be forced into a straitjacket. Mr Prior said that the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, as the Conservatives had amended it, was a solid foundation for legislation on union organization and collective bargaining.

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is the height of wanton destructiveness. Echoing the recent sentiments of Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, Mr Scanlon says: "Very few of those peers who voted for the alterations have any experience of what factory life is like and yet they presume to tell working people what we should be doing."

He lists the troublesome amendments as those which seek to regulate who shall or shall not be a trade union member; how union rules should be drawn up; an amendment that allows a union to be sued for breach of commercial contract; and one that effectively prevents British workers from taking sympathetic action with colleagues abroad who are employed by the same multinational company.

Mr Scanlon states that Labour's original Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill has been mutilated by a combination of anti-trade union elements in both Houses of Parliament. He criticizes the Government by introducing the French cabinet system. But the Conservatives clearly believe that it would be much better, and less traumatic, to achieve the same ends by devoting certain decisions to outside bodies.

Such proposals may not be welcome to those devotees of pure free enterprise within the Conservative Party who would prefer to see government and industry kept strictly each to their own territory. But Mr Heseltine believes that doctrine, whether of the right or the left, has little to do with the difficulties facing the country. He sees governments around the world competing with each other and using industry as their chosen instrument.

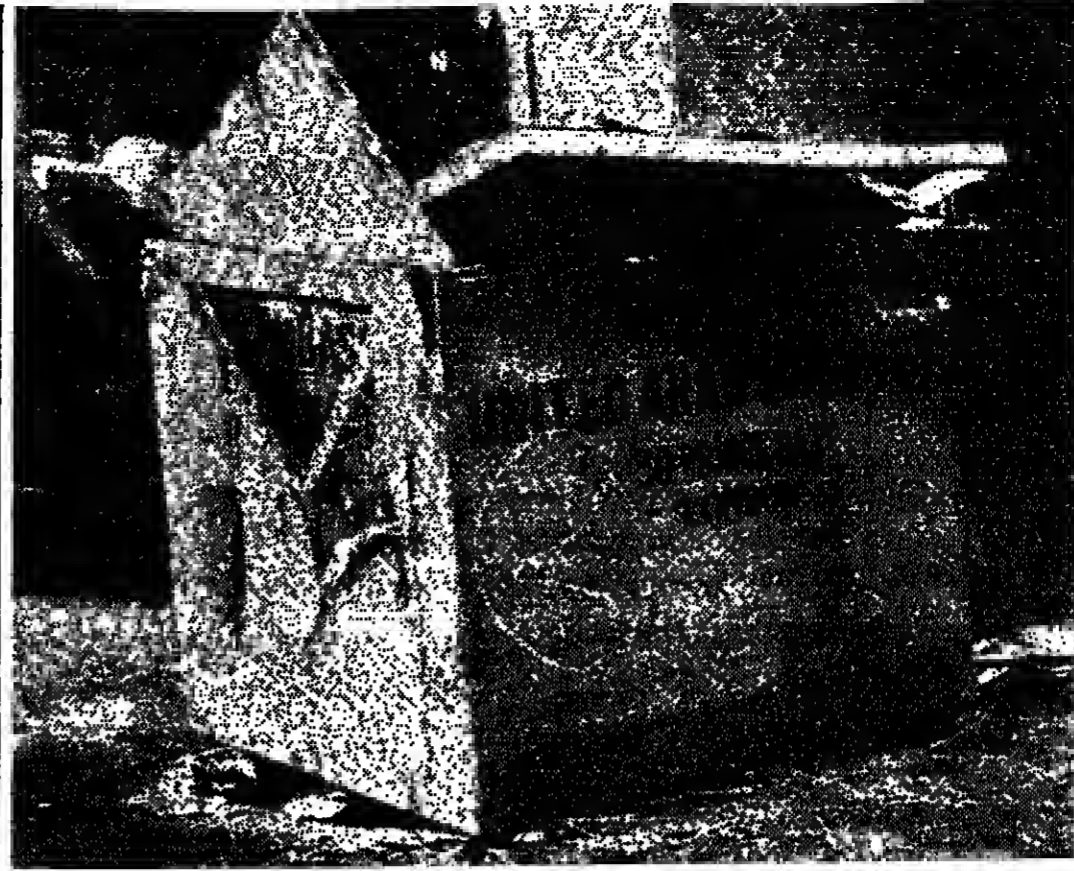
By Our Shipping Correspondent
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One of two crates in which police and customs officers at Liverpool docks found 2½ tons of cannabis, worth £3m on the black market.

X-ray staff threaten emergency services

Selective strikes by radiographers who operate hospital X-ray machines continued yesterday as a threat grew that emergency cover will be withdrawn if it is abused.

The national executive of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS), which claims to represent 3,000 of the 7,000 National Health Service radiographers, meets today in London from Monday.

Docking system unsafe, Tory group maintains

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Red Lion Square officer buried

Sir Robert Mark, the Metropolitan Police commissioner, led 200 police mourners at the burial of Inspector David Gibbons, aged 36, at Sutton, Surrey, yesterday.

GLC to join in calls for bigger grants

By Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent
The Greater London Council will not be asking the boroughs for a supplementary rate this autumn, Mr Illyd Harrington, deputy leader, announced yesterday.

He said that despite the "great pressures of inflation" they would not be asking the boroughs for more in rates during this financial year. "Even though no one can predict the full effects of the vast inflation we are going through, we are determined to stick to a 'holding operation'", he said.

The Government can always hush itself to a large extent against inflation because it recovers more money in increased taxation. This course is not open to us and the London boroughs, and we shall call on the Government for much more aid," Mr Harrington said.

Ulster soldier remanded on charge of murder

From a Staff Reporter Belfast
A soldier in The Royal Regiment of Wales appeared before magistrates at Cookstown, Co Tyrone, yesterday charged with the murder on Wednesday of Mr Patrick McElhiney, a Roman Catholic, aged 23, of Pomeroy, Co Tyrone.

Weather forecast and recordings

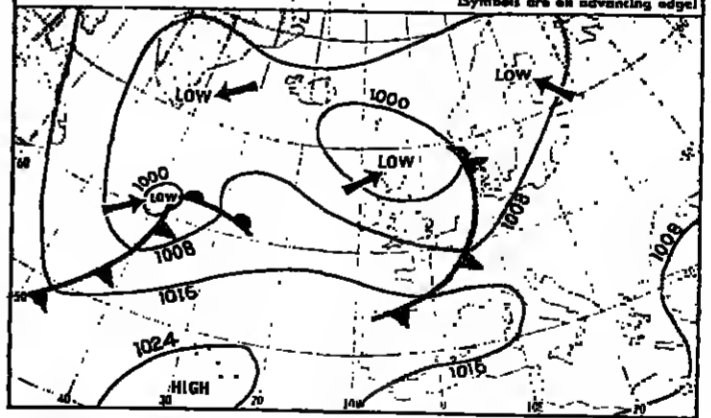


Table with weather forecasts for 'Today' and 'Tomorrow' including sun rises, moon sets, and temperature ranges for various locations like London, Liverpool, and Glasgow.

Table with weather recordings for 'Yesterday' and 'At the resorts' showing temperature, wind, and other weather data for various locations.

Bigger role proposed for housing groups

By Our Local Government Correspondent
Housing associations have given a bigger and clearly defined role, provided with more help to tackle Britain's housing needs, according to a published yesterday.

That should be done if the Housing Corporation report, published by a housing association, Stud operative Drilling, said.

The report points out that Britain's 3,700 housing associations, described by the governments as the "arm" in housing provision produced only 1.4 per cent of all dwellings built since 1945.

Commenting on the Housing Act, one of the which is to help the housing movement, the said it is not enough to make new dwellings available.

The success of the movement plan depended on how discretionary powers were used, and part what support housing associations received from local authorities in acquiring land, property, and obtaining mortgages.

The authors argued that most housing associations are the same type of people same type of accommodation local authorities, many simply use housing associations as an extension of the housing departments, others see them as unduplicating or competing for money into the housing movement.

Candidates name

The following prospective candidates named yesterday: Mr. Wally Dewarip, Unionist, for T. Min, held by Labour majority of 6,521. Mr. Young, an accountant, vative for Rocabdale Labour with a majority of 8,599.

Correction

A report on August 2, St. Luke's Parochial Church, London, had opposed the able to make administrative difficulties in keeping a soldier in civilian custody in Northern Ireland.

At the resorts

Table with weather recordings for 'At the resorts' showing temperature, wind, and other weather data for various locations like Scarborough, Epsom, and Brighton.

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HOME NEWS

Biggest increase of up to 38% for postgraduate students

Grant increases ranging from 10 per cent to 38 per cent were announced by the Department of Education and Science yesterday for 14,000 postgraduate students. From September 1974 living away from home grants will be increased by 27 per cent from £695 to £883, a rise of £188.



Vice-Admiral Kunijiro Saito, a Japanese who fought the British during the last war, laying a wreath at the Royal Navy war memorial at Southsea, Hampshire, yesterday.

Fewer teachers but better education envisaged in latest ministry plan

Soe Cameron, of the Times Educational Supplement, says that the more big cuts in the number of teachers and in higher education are in prospect, although the Department of Education and Science last night declined to confirm or deny it. Senior officials in the department are understood to be working on a scheme to allow teachers to retire earlier so that numbers can be held at 488,000 after 1975.

Eighth man on bomb charges

Anthony James Madigan, aged 19, unemployed, appeared at Birmingham Magistrates' Court, yesterday, charged with conspiracy to cause explosions. He was remanded in custody until Wednesday when seven other men will appear on a similar charge.

Guns case remand

Barry Robinson, aged 33, of Northorn Road, Longsight, Manchester, was further remanded in custody until Thursday at Congleton, Cheshire, yesterday, charged with burglary and carrying guns, ammunition and a knife at Congleton.

Augustus John's loves

Augustus John, though long out of fashion, occupies a central role in British art. Tomorrow The Sunday Times continues Michael Holroyd's frank account of the artist. Although John married Ida Nettleship, a fellow student, at 22, he later met another woman who was to haunt him for 60 years.

Mr George Raft barred from entering Britain

Mr George Raft, aged 78, the former Hollywood film actor, again being refused permission to visit Britain, it was closed yesterday. The sister who took the decision, Jenkins was also Home Secretary in 1967 when he decided to expel the actor from this country.

Journal attacks 'breach of voting secrecy'

The law allowing members of the public to know whether someone has voted in a general election should be changed, the latest issue of the Law Journal says in an editorial article. "In our view it constitutes a breach of the secrecy of the ballot box. That secrecy ought to be maintained, whether he has voted," the journal says.

British Rail defends move of 300 staff to London

British Rail admitted yesterday that its proposal to move its East Anglian headquarters with 300 employees to London from Norwich was contrary to government policy, but it said that reorganization needs should override regional planning considerations.

Unison not private army, general says

The Unison organization is concerned solely with civil liberties and does not resemble a private army, General Sir Walter Walker said in a statement released yesterday. The organization was "a back-up of entirely civilian volunteers" who would be ready to give every possible assistance to the legitimate authorities.

risoner climbs down

John Ellis-Gunn, aged 20, held for 18 months for burglary in May, yesterday admitted a 24-hour rooftop demonstration at Stafford prison to test his innocence.

WEST EUROPE

M Giscard d'Estaing gives French farmers a pledge that EEC will be pressed for new price increases

From Richard Wigg Paris, Aug 9 President Giscard d'Estaing has promised French farmers that he will ask the EEC committee to agree a fresh round of agricultural price increases this autumn. Mr Christian Bonnet, the Agricultural Minister, said here today. He had taken part in a two-hour meeting between the President and farmers' leaders at the Elysee.

Russia's computers are best at chess

From Roger Choate Stockholm, Aug 9 Early today, in a smoky Stockholm auditorium crammed with computers and chess devotees, Mr Robert Maxwell of Pergamon Press presented the Maxwell Gold Medal to the leader of the Russian team which won the world's first International Computer Chess Championship.

Cabinet booted at funeral of train bomb victims

From Our Correspondent Milan, Aug 9 A crowd of about 300,000 people that filled the Piazza Maggiore and the adjoining streets at Bologna today booted and hissed when President Leone, Signor Rumor, the Prime Minister, and other members of the Government left the Basilica of San Petronio.

Another United supporter on remand in Bruges

Bruges, Aug 9—Peter Brunt, aged 22, a British football supporter who was stabbed during incidents at Ostend last weekend before a friendly match between Manchester United and Ostend, was remanded in custody for a month by a court here today.

Greece bitter at apparent support for Turkey

From Mario Modiano Athens, Aug 9 Greece's bargaining power in the Cyprus crisis has been restricted by two objective factors: the inability of the Greek Airforce to supply adequate air cover to operations in Cyprus, and Britain's categorical rejection of any suggestion for a joint Greek-British intervention in Cyprus to stop Turkey.

Mr Panagoulis to return home

Rome, Aug 9—Alexandros Panagoulis, who was once sentenced to death for plotting to assassinate Mr George Papadopoulos, the former Greek leader, said today he plans to return to Greece next week.

Prince Juan Carlos holds his first Cabinet meeting

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Aug 9 Prince Juan Carlos, acting Head of State and designated future King of Spain, presided today in El Pardo Palace on the outskirts of Madrid.

EEC acts to avert mushroom 'mountain'

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Aug 9 The threat of a "mushroom mountain" has prompted the European Community to restrict imports from the Far East. According to EEC officials private stocks of tinned mushrooms totalled some 20,000 tons during the first half of the year.

Hazards on the roads to Berlin

From Gretel Spitzer Berlin, Aug 9 A total of 221 people are known to have been arrested on transit routes to Berlin by the East Germans since June, 1972, when the agreement easing travel restrictions came into force, Herr Heinz Morgenstern, Under-Secretary of State for Inter-German Relations, said today.

ERSEAS
Israel aircraft bomb
Lebanon for
third time in a week

Moshe Brilliant... firing on Israel bombers, the Syrian Civil Aviation Authority said... A United Nations spokesman said all nine people on board the aircraft were killed.

Détente
'exploited
by foes'
says Pravda

Moscow, Aug 9.—The Soviet Union today alleged that the foes of communism were trying to exploit détente to undermine socialism... An article in Pravda said that although imperialism had changed its tactics since the open propaganda onslaughts of the cold war, its counter-revolutionary goal remained the same.

SPORT
Unfamiliar Sunningdale conditions
cause too much defensive play

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent
With one round to go, the third, the lead in the Colgate European golf tournament was taken yesterday at Sunningdale, a little diffidently, by Judy Rankin with a 73.

Jacklin says patience
will be needed to win

Clayton, North Carolina, Aug 9.—Gary Player, Tommy Jacklin and Hubert Green shared the lead yesterday after the first round of the United States Professional Golfers' Association championship at Sunningdale.



Angela Bonallack (left) and Jao Stephenson of Australia who yesterday both improved on their first round scores.

Hobbyday four strokes ahead

Hilversum, Aug 9.—Simon Hobbyday, a Rhodesian from Salisbury, set the early pace with a round of 69, five under par, for a total of 141 after two rounds of the Dutch Open golf event here today.

Italian sets the
early pace

Gino Sira (Italy) set the early pace in the second round of the British Ladies Golf championship at Bowdon, Cheshire yesterday.

Favourite loses
to sixth seed

Christine Langford, aged 17 of Bearsden, the No 6 seed, scored a surprise win in the final of the English girls' close amateur golf championships at Knowle, Bristol, yesterday.

Card of course

Table with columns: Hole Yds Par, Hole Yds Par. Rows list hole numbers and distances/par values.

Leading scores after second round

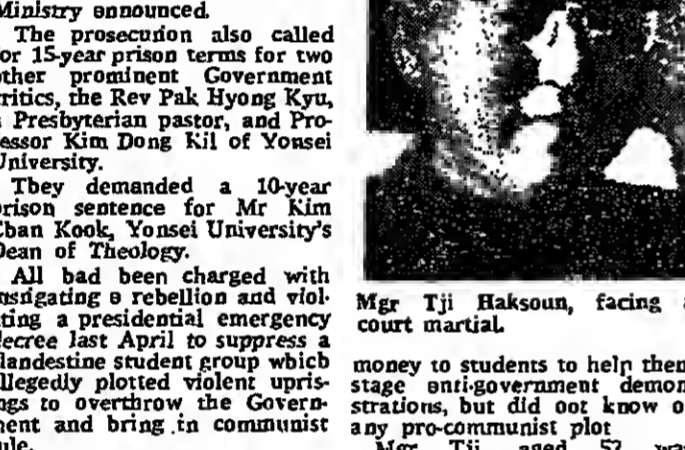
Table listing player names and scores, including M. J. Hume, M. J. Hume, M. J. Hume, etc.

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red chess
I with draw

St. Aug 9.—Anthony Olin and Lars-Ake Sande of Sweden today still lead the World Chess Championship as they entered the sixth round.

15 years' jail demanded
for S Korean
bishop

Seoul, Aug 9.—Court martial prosecutors today demanded that Mr Yun Po Sun, the former President, and Mr. J. H. Hak, a Roman Catholic bishop, should be jailed for 15 years for alleged involvement in a student-led plot to overthrow the government, the Defence Ministry announced.



Mgr Tji Hakson, facing a court martial.

ipping Muslim
is surrender

St. Aug 9.—Two ed Muslim rebels have advantage of an amnesty offered to Philippine ty authorities on board a ship in the Sulu Sea.

nith policy is 'dragging
hodesia backwards'

Our Correspondent... in relation to our own environment, they are sliding backwards... Rhodesia is daily becoming more of an uncertainty and Botswana's attitude is also becoming more indifferent.

2,000 death toll
from floods
in Bangladesh

Dacca, Aug 9.—At least 2,000 people have perished in floods and accompanying cholera in Bangladesh during the past five weeks, it was officially reported today.

Hailé Selassie
assistant
under arrest

Addis Ababa, Aug 9.—Lieutenant-General Assefa Demissie, a personal assistant of Emperor Hailé Selassie of Ethiopia, is under arrest, the armed forces announced over the radio today.

mons lift ban

Laka City, Utah, Aug 9.—Mormon Church has said no longer prevent black becoming patrol leaders Scout troops it sponsors.

andaria riot toll rises to 14

Luanda, Aug 9.—The Angolan liberation army today announced that the death toll in Luanda has risen to 14.

Koreans jail 26

Seoul, Aug 9.—South Korean courts today sentenced 26 more people to jail yesterday for violating Presidential emergency decrees, the Defence Ministry announced.

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also on page 21

Advertisements for various services including General Vacancies, Clerks, Pensions Department, THOMAS TILLING LTD, BRITISH HOSPITALS EXPORT COUNCIL, TRANSLATOR, MASSEUR REQUIRED, ACCOUNTANCY, ACCOUNTANT OR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL CONTROLLER, and TECHNICAL PARTNER.

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SPORT

Cricket

Pakistan suffer more frustration

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
LORDS: England lead Pakistan by 140 runs on the first innings

There were further frustrations for Pakistan in the second Test match yesterday, though not because of the rain this time. That they allowed England to make 270 after losing their first six wickets...



A seventh wicket stand between Old (left) and Knott (right) thwarted Pakistan at Lords yesterday.

one run, opening from the Nursery end, Sarfraz had most to do with the way the day began, and it was he who took the first wicket...

off Sarfraz. A good golfer, with a natural swing, Arnold is a useful batsman when he puts his mind to it. When he was caught at the wicket, chasing a wide one...

Though doggedly slow at times, it was none the less an interesting performance. During the first hour England were in no particular trouble; but there is a vast difference between that and taking command, which was something that Pakistan failed to do.

Turner twice breaks through Yorkshire stands

Essex to the verge of victory. He added 110 minutes of defence with a gully catch and a yorked Stevenson, to finish with five for 32. Wilson hit two sixes off Essex but Lever proved too fast for Robinson. The victory margin fully justified Hobbs's decision to bat on to the morning.

Essex added 52 in 50 minutes, with a fine unbeaten 116 by Warwickshire's left-handed West Indian Alvin Kallicharran enabled Warwickshire to avert defeat. Kent resumed at 263 for six but lost their last four wickets for 25 runs and failed to gain a fourth batting point.

umpires delayed the start. But there was nothing wrong with the weather and we could have got three overs in easily. We would certainly have knocked off the other three runs. It was a scandalous situation and it left all the players shattered.

Steele is out with hamstring injury

David Steele, Northamptonshire's number three batsman, will not play at least a week because of a hamstring injury. The young batsman, Wayne Larkins, and Colin Milburn have been included in the party for the match against Essex at Wellington today.

Gloucester v Derby

Gloucestershire drew with Derbyshire in the first innings. Gloucestershire first innings: A. S. Stovell, 10; D. M. Jones, 10; M. J. Richardson, 10; M. J. Richardson, 10; M. J. Richardson, 10.

Notts v Somerset

Nottinghamshire drew with Somerset in the first innings. Nottinghamshire first innings: M. J. Richardson, 10; M. J. Richardson, 10; M. J. Richardson, 10; M. J. Richardson, 10.

Essex v Yorkshire

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers, showing runs, wickets, and overs for the Essex vs Yorkshire match.

County championship

Table showing the current county championship standings, including teams like Hampshire, Surrey, and Warwickshire.

Kent v Warwickshire

Table showing the current Kent vs Warwickshire match statistics, including runs, wickets, and overs.

Leading first class cricket averages

Large table listing leading first class cricket averages for batsmen and bowlers across various counties.

Lancashire thwart a valiant drive for victory

By Peter Marson
BLACKPOOL: Northamptonshire (6 pps) drew with Lancashire (5)

Northamptonshire tried valiantly to avenge the bowing of Ben Willey and lastly Cortam, and saw Lancashire safely home to their thirteenth drawn match out of 15 in the county championship.

Cowes caught in the mountainous wash of a thundering ferry boat

By John Nicholls

Morning Cloud, owned by Edward Heath, won her second race in succession in class one race Gumbroos, owned by Jeremy Rogers, won her fifth race in class two at Cowes yesterday.

smaller boats, and such an attitude of unbridled aggression is difficult to understand. Five minutes, more or less, on a cross-Channel passage cannot be that significant.

Consistency at the helm

Tom Blatchford and B. Strickland from Lynton Town capped a week of consistent competence in varying conditions by winning the final race to clinch the Oyster national championship.

First Wayfare event goes to Stone

Cornish Mustard, sailed to Stone, of Scotland, won the race for the Wayfare world pinpoint at Hayling Island.

The fleet, already reduced to 30 from the 60 taking part in the national championship, was reduced by capsize and crossed the winning line.

Edwards loses to colleague

Christopher Edwards's run of successes—four consecutive wins in the National 12 dinghy championship at Pevensey Bay, Sussex.

the week has been an outstanding success. Only one man has ever before won so many trophies in the Oyster national championship.

Under-25 competition

Today's cricket
Lancashire v Northamptonshire
Lancashire first innings: M. J. Richardson, 10; M. J. Richardson, 10; M. J. Richardson, 10; M. J. Richardson, 10.

Today's football

Football
Football Correspondent
When Leeds United, the league champions, and Liverpool, the FA Cup holders, met at Wembley Stadium this afternoon to play for the FA Charity Shield.

Today's football

Football
Football Correspondent
The Leeds platoon is their new £250,000 forward from Nottingham Forest, the talented McKenzie says Mr Clough.

Today's football

Football
Football Correspondent
In their places will be Brian Clough, a man always ready to change his mind, and another manager, Bob Paisley, a quiet, faithful but shrewd colleague of Mr Shankly.

Today's tennis

Tennis
By Rex Bellam
Tennis Correspondent
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Old Lucky should get the better of his familiar rivals

Jim Snow Please in the field only Master... Please in the field only Master... Please in the field only Master...



Greville Starkey brings Mischievous (with white noseband) home to win the Mapleton Plate at Lingfield Park yesterday.

in the Child Stakes. Reformed Character comes down from... in the Child Stakes. Reformed Character comes down from...

with Captain's Escort (2.0) and Shallow Stream (2.30). Starlit Night on her third Ascot in... with Captain's Escort (2.0) and Shallow Stream (2.30).

Straight mile with one obstacle for Piggott

From Pierre Quillot French Racing Correspondent Deauville, Aug 9 Sunday's Prix Jacques Le Marois over the straight mile here will see the first appearance of 2,000 Guineas winner Nonalco...

Another stable waiting until tomorrow is that of Angel Penna. He will probably be represented by El Rastro, who gained his revenge over his Lodiège Stakes conqueror, Boldboy...

Horse trials British girl is No 1 junior in Europe

Rome, Aug 9.—A brilliant clear round on her 12-year-old horse Peer Gynt brought Sheila Ker, of Britain the European junior three-day event championship here today...

Show jumping Britain win world a fence being touched

From Pamela Macgregor-Morris Dublin, Aug 9 Britain retained the Aga Khan trophy for show jumping here today after a clear round on Sep-tember 15. The next meeting is at Rotterdam later this month...

Squash rackets

South African amateur championships: Semi-final: P. Avian (10-8) beat S. Bains (10-7); S. Bains (10-7) beat S. Bains (10-7)...

Southwell NH programme

Table listing horse races at Southwell, including 2.30 BARNEY OPPORTUNITY STEEPCHASE, 4.0 CLAYFOLE STEEPCHASE, and 3.0 POPULAR HURDLE.

Redcar programme

Table listing horse races at Redcar, including 4.55 BEDALE STAKES and 1.55 BASS ROSEBOWL HANDICAP.

Newmarket programme

Table listing horse races at Newmarket, including 1.30 CUNNINGHAM HANDICAP and 2.0 HOTFOOT HANDICAP.

Haydock Park programme

Table listing horse races at Haydock Park, including 1.45 OLD BOSTON APPRENTICE HANDICAP and 2.15 STANDISH HANDICAP.

Lingfield Park programme

Table listing horse races at Lingfield Park, including 2.0 CHIDDISTONE STAKES and 3.0 LEIGH HANDICAP.

Redcar selections

By our Northern Correspondent 2.45 Old Lucky, 3.15 Silver Tinka, 3.45 Slip Rule, 4.15 Newmarket, 4.45 Balfour.

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By our Racing Staff 1.30 Old Lucky, 2.00 Newmarket, 2.30 Great Brother, 3.00 Great Brother, 3.30 Great Brother.

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Lingfield Park selections

By our Racing Staff 2.00 Shallow Stream, 2.50 Stacti Night, 3.30 Midsummer, 4.00 Quay, 4.30 Shebeen.

Lingfield Park results

Table showing race results at Lingfield Park, including 1.52.16 LADY MILL PLATE and 1.52.16 LADY MILL PLATE.

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A conducted tour in Canada

by Jan Morris

Searching for a theme to illustrate the condition of British Canada in the 1920s, in Toronto the other day I came across the Reverend Dr Samuel Fallis, a well known United Church divine of the day. He did not at once endear himself to me, for he glared at me rather accurately from his ill-printed photograph, as though he expected the worst of me, but he did seem splendidly representative of his place and period.

Solid but pasty of feature, broad, broad-jawed, clearly as pious as he was patriotic, he looked an authentic Anglo-Canadian from the days when British Canadians thought of themselves as British first, Canadians second. Just my man, I said to myself beneath my breath, and investigated further.

Dr Fallis (pronounced, luckily, Fallis) was the publisher of an influential United Church magazine, *The New Outlook*, and in 1927 he determined to make a grand celebratory gesture to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Canadian Federation—50 years, that was, of Canadian nationhood. He invited his readers to join him upon a train journey between two of the staunchest centres of Anglo-Canadian life—Toronto in the east, Calgary in the west—to commemorate not only the noble unity of Canada, but also its continuing Britishness. Dr Fallis himself would act as Conductor of the tour. The response was gratifying, readers from every province applying for tickets, and Dr Fallis accordingly chartered a train, the *New Outlook Confederation Special*, from the Canadian Pacific Railway. He printed special travel brochures, he arranged for reports to be sent back to the *New Outlook*, he ordered commemorative badges and hat-ribbons, and he instructed his party to assemble at Toronto North railway station at 12 noon sharp on Saturday, June 25, 1927.

This was just my cup of tea. Severe though Dr Fallis looked, I decided to join his party in spirit, and make the journey across Canada myself in the tracks of the Confederation Special—a wonderfully satisfying holiday, the *New Outlook* said it would be, "after a quarter-century of work to Church, Sunday School and on the farm".

On the Friday the eager excursionists inspected Toronto itself, "the Queen City". In 1927 this was still truly the British metropolis of North America—deliberately and self-consciously so, for it had to resist the rivalries and magnificences of Montreal one way, Detroit the other. It was already caught up in that enervating tangle of the Canadian spirit called the "search for identity", and was still in an assertive phase of the neurosis—Union Jacks all over the place, knighted drapers or charitable committees, the *Globe* reverberatingly imperialist and the Lieutenant-Governor's mansion rigid with protocol.

Predisposed though the travellers undoubtedly were towards these splendours, for they were mostly Scots, they can hardly have found much to excite them as they walked through Toronto that afternoon. Drear but pompous the city straggled down to its pallid lake, and the grid streets of downtown seemed to fade from sheer lack of spirit into the suburbs of the oord. There was the stately Anglican cathedral, of course, and the University stood ineffably Oxbridge in its green, and here and there neo-classic palaces of commerce or finance loomed slightly embarrassed at intersecments. Nobody, though, could call it a handsome city. It looked more or less like a bit of Birmingham, straightened out, drained of bawdy and homogenized—"a nest", suggested the local writer Jesse Edgar Middleton coolly, or perhaps despairingly, "of British-thinking, British-acting people".

It was true that the policemen wore bobbies' helmets, and that Lord Bessborough, later Governor-General of Canada, once described Toronto as understanding two things perfectly—the British Empire and a good horse. In fact, through by 1927 Toronto was willfully diverting from its British patterns. For one thing it was much richer than any comparable British city of the homeland. It had far more cars, and many more telephones, and

its commerce was run with more push and gusto. The Royal York hotel, under construction on Front Street, was announced as the "biggest hotel in the British Empire", and the new Union Station would be perhaps the grandest railway station (though it took so long to get the tracks into it that Will Rogers called it the only station the trains couldn't find).

More telling, though, was the feeling that Toronto's Britishness had to it an air of parody—that first symptom of declining assurance. There was something comic in civic aristocracy, rich, riled and intensely grand, so inescapably bourgeois as Toronto's. There was something forlorn to the pageantry of the Toronto Scottish, wildly pompous in all the pompier male of the tradition, but bereft of the true Highland craginess, too pale, too pudgy.

Unquestionably the leading citizen of Toronto in the 1920s was Sir Henry Mill Pellatt, a fervently imperialist financier, twice as British as John Bull. His vast Balmoralesque castle on the city's outskirts, Casa Loma, was big enough for his entire militia regiment to parade in its cellars, and was intended specifically for the hospitality of visiting monarchs; but it succeeded only in becoming a snigger for visiting sophisticates (and is now reduced to that last indignity of noble follies, operation as a tourist spectacle for charity).

This was the innate weakness of Toronto, never to be overcome, its half-wayness, its hybrid kind, which flattened the impact of its energies and blunted its confidence. It could not find itself, because its loyalties, models and rivalries were all at odds. Gaily though the forces of commerce and fashion pushed through the larches, and bravely though the Canadian National Exhibition Buildings, "largest in the Empire" (and gloriously though Casa Loma towered as a monument over the escarpment—still, even those hopeful excursionists, Conductor at their head, must sometimes have sensed the bathos of Toronto. (It is inescapable still, just as the genius of Canada remains essentially a contradiction.)

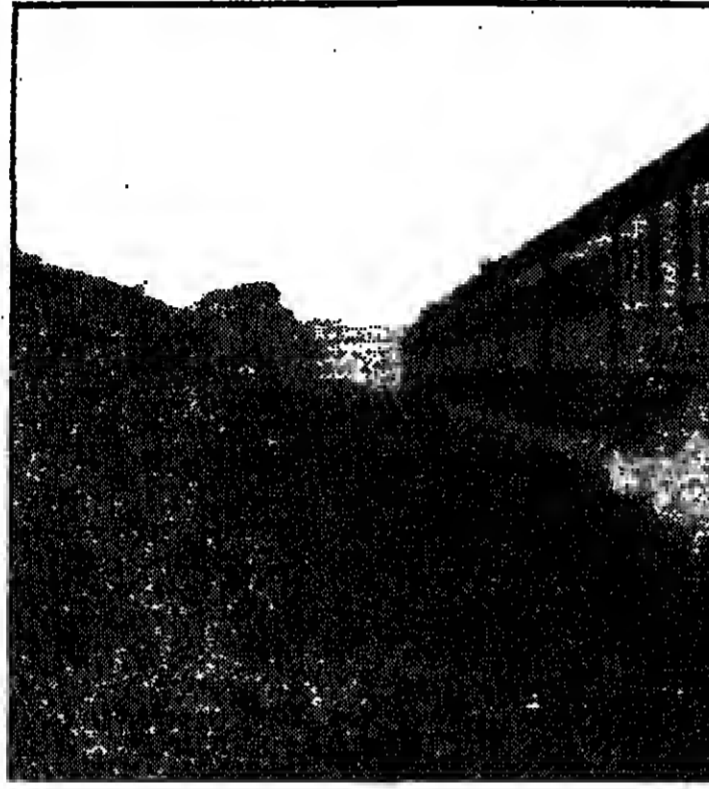
So, as the great engine steamed through Ontario, into Manitoba, it was with awe that the excursionists watched their Canada pass by. The station names paraded, Mississauga and White River, Heron Bay and Marathon, with an almost biblical solemnity. The gentle thumping of the wheels upon the track was like the rhythm of prayer.

On the Sunday morning, when the train was somewhere in the wasteland of western Ontario, where moose sometimes peered myopic through the larches, and fishermen in bark canoes paddled silently through the dark, still waters—as the train puffed through that wilderness the Reverend H. V. Ellison of Little Current, Ontario, with a party of stogers, passed through the train singing inspiring songs. At Nipigon, by Red Rock, a service was held beside the track, an orchestra having assembled in readiness to play the hymns, and at Port Arthur all the clergymen in the party fanned out to preach sermons in the local United Church chapels.

There was nothing incongruous to this religiosity. British Canada was a very religious place. Its tone had been set by gentlemanly British soldiers and administrators, who believed in *mens sana in corpore sano*, and Scottish Calvinist settlers, who believed in God. In it was this vigorous Christian air, this respect for law, order and due authority, which chiefly differentiated Canada from the United States.

The frontier that divided them was artificial, but they were recognizably different in ethos. To the south were gangsters, crooked judges, Indian wars and whisky pedlars; to the north were Mounties, the Honourable Company, Dr Fallis and King George V. The American road to the West was beset by war, lust and mayhem; here north of the border one travelled more geotely, via Canadian Pacific, with Scots, pastors and honest policemen all along the track.

This was the Canadian self-image, and in general the world accepted it, with reservations. Canada was certainly respected, but she fired no ecstasy. The price of goodness was *ennui*. She was a country without glamour, wrote John Buchan, presently to become her Governor-General. She was alive but not kicking, thought Rupert Brooke. The inconceivable spaces of Canada, which Canadians liked to think emblematic of their boundless potential, seemed to all too many foreigners interminably tedious, and the good sense of it all, the decorum, seemed to lack spice or fizz. "A community of moderationists" is how one Canadian publicist phrased it—



New Outlook that week, "a great and significant place to more than human schemes and planning".

and that, sad to say, was half the trouble.

Nevertheless the farther west they went, the more excited the excursionists were by the spectacle outside their windows. There were the immense grain elevators of Thunder Bay, the biggest in the world, the true granary of the British Empire and one of the undeniable power factors of the 20th century. There were the tremendous wheat and cattle lands of the prairies, mile after mile of growing wealth, in whose bars stood the most modern reapers, binders and harvesters, and in whose garages the very latest Packards, Fords and Essexes lay placidly.

As they drove into Winnipeg Dr Fallis, "an experienced autoist", stepped into overalls and drove the engine himself, as if to symbolize their arrival in those lands of vigour and panache.

Here was the excitement of Canada, such as it was: its newness, its brawn, the God-given wealth which expressed itself not only in wheat and shortborns, but already in the first oil wells of the western fields. Out here Canada's extremes of climate, which merely made Toronto uncomfortable, gave to life an element of theatre. The summer could be dramatic enough, and often the travellers sweltered in their compartments, when the train stopped in sudden silence at some prairie halt, and the sun probed relentlessly through the chinks of their window-blinds, and made the corrugated iron of the station shanties shimmer and blur in the heat: but it was the winter that really counted.

In the winter the west became terribly but grandly superlative. When the Mounties and Albertans put on their fur coats and astrakhan hats, when the snow lay feet deep through the forests, and the confers drooped and creaked with the weight of it—when the fish lay embalmed in their frozen lakes, and a man could get frost-bitten crossing a village street—when the ice-grey skies of winter, like gun-metal, lay glowing and magnificent over the prairies, then for a few months every year Canada acquired an identity despite herself, and foreigners marvelled at last at her power and grandeur, and wondered why on earth anyone wanted to live there.

Space and history, heat and cold, the Bible, the great rail-roads—all these elements, glimpsed or imagined in the cars of the Confederation Special, made the Canadians what they were, and gave truth to Dr Fallis's conception of a jubilee barge. They were truly living the meaning of Canada, as they puffed westward; and perhaps it was allegorically proper too that their Conductor, experienced autoist that he was,



found himself involved in an unexplained motor accident during a stop in Jasper National Park, and had to make his own way, dashing by banded I hope, down through the foothills to Calgary.

Through it all the excursionists had been warmly conscious that they were in British Canada. Quebec and its grievances seemed far away, they seldom heard a word of French, and all along the route familiar manners greeted them. This was after all an imperial occasion, and if the Confederation of 1867 had in principle bonded French and British Canada into equality, there was no denying that in practice the British were somewhat more equal than the French. This was only right. Canada's good purposes could best be achieved within that wider brotherhood, the Empire, and nobody could dispute the Britishness of that.

If Toronto exemplified the stability and continuity of the Empire, Calgary was held by Canadians to represent its frontier spirit. Calgary was as British as the Queen City, but in a different kind—a more patrician kind really, though Sir Henry Pellatt might resist the claim. It was essentially a cow-town, dependent upon the great ranches which surrounded it, and the ranchers gave to it some of the spacious, free-and-easiness that characterized Wyoming or Montana south of the frontier.

As a matter of fact many of the more stylish ranchers were originally American, having crossed the border when land was cheap or free in Canada, but by now they had mostly been satisfactorily Canadianized—which is to say they read the *Calgary Herald* in the Ranchmen's Club, and sent their wives to call upon Lady Loughheed.

The Confederation Special was boisterously welcomed at Calgary station. Half Calgary society seemed to be there, the men bold in wide-brimmed western Stetsons, the women dashing in last year's Montreal fashions, and the excursionists were glad they had kept their buttons and ribbons, if only not to be nut-coloured. The Mayor

himself swept them off to a welcoming banquet at the Palliser Hotel where Dr Fallis, gallantly overcoming his mishap, made a speech "oo a high plane, both educational and inspirational"; and many members of the Ranchmen's Club were there too, and all the local church dignitaries, except perhaps some of the Presbyterians, and many worthies of bench, bar, and surgery. The Palliser was Universally Recognized as the Finest City Hotel between Winnipeg and Vancouver, and did the excursionists wonder, if not with wine from its Celebrated Cellars, at least with red Alberta beef.

When they emerged from the hotel, which looked like a pair of up-turned boor boxes beside the railway tracks, they found that the southern sky was a blaze of flickering red, like a violent aurora. It was the glow of the burning gases from the Turner Valley oilfield, and it hung there as a banner over the prairie, a blazon of wealth to come.

Calgary was like that. It was less flamboyant than the cities of the American West, it was far bolder than Toronto. It was English rather than Scottish, and was less inhibited or restrained, more showy, more responsive. I dare say some of the travellers found it a little trash, but only in a boyish and endearing way. They were not taken to the red light district beyond Centre Street, where the cow-hoofs and riggers found their comforts, they ventured only into the more decorous corners of Chinatown, where the gambling did not show, and some of them even bought Stetson hats for themselves, to salute the cheerful *genius loci*.

Toronto stood recognizably for Empire; Calgary did not stand for anything much, except personal opportunity, but it did still smack of the pioneers. Its main highways were still called trails, and there were citizens alive who remembered the signing of the original treaty, No 7, with the Indians of the region—Blackfoot, Blood, Piegan, Sarcee, who still lived docile in their reservation down the Sarcee Trail, and were paid five dollars a head annually in

Far left: Dr Fallis, in grand gesture, he chartered a train from Canadian Pacific Railway for commemorative journey from Toronto to Calgary in 1927.

the sense of order, distinguished it from the lawless cattle-town of the American legend. Every Sunday there was a grand Patriotic Service at the St. George's Church—Subject, "Our Glorious Heritage"—at which Dr K. Robinson sang *Land of Hope and Glory* assisted by Rimacoczky upon the violin. Excursionists, for all the blather and swank of Calgary, themselves still at home, and was a fitting climax to the symbolic journey when Dr Fallis led them all across the broad and tuffly Elbow, a truly Canadian stream, to plant a commemorative tree in the grounds of Hillhurst United Church, towards the Crowheild Trail.

It was a cotton-wood tree, the most Canadian of poplars: Dr Fallis carried it in with pride and dubbed it Confederation Tree, before leading his companions back to the railway station for a farewell dinner, the train (Cromie Victoria, British Columbia Salmon, St. Custard with Stewed Plums).

Faithfully I had followed the *New Outlook Confederation Special* on its long journey, affectionately I said goodbye to my fellow-travellers, who were to be seen on their flight to New York; their footsteps I had wandered the streets of Toronto, physically transformed now with skyscrapers and ethnics (as the Canadians call their more migratory immigrants), metaphorically much the same. I lazed happily across Canada of the Canadian Pacific, its rather bumper nowadays, its stewards still courteous, its claims still stewed. I arrived at Calgary in the west before the Stampede and found the excited city buoyant and erer, and crowned now with clusters of skyscrapers, rising like mirages from the flatland, which seemed to me after towered ridges of Castle, the most thrilling of all silhouettes.

And I had gone home, as they did, thinking that all to all, large and the Canada that Empire created was something to be proud of after all: a dullish country perhaps, but too big by half, but still retaining, to this very day, the sense of innocence which had guided the Conductor and his congregationalists as guilelessly across the prairies half a century ago. I am sorry in haste to report that the Confederation Tree was chopped down in the course of church extensions in the 1940s; but Dr Fallis himself still looks at me as I write, and into his eyes there has now crept, I think, a slightly more approving look—as though flippant as I often was, and distressingly inattentive during his speech at the Palliser banquet, still he has hopes that I may have benefited spiritually from the journey.

Yet still the British restraint, © Jan Morris 1974

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Arthur Lowe: keeping at it



Photograph by Joe Santillo

When John Gielgud opens as William Shakespeare in Edward Bond's *Bingo* at the Royal Court on August 14, Arthur Lowe will be Beo Jonsson. Arthur Lowe, the survivor of Mrs Dale's *Diary* and *Coronation Street* and *Dad's Army*, the character actor whose last stage appearance was *Stephano* at the National, the man who would have been described as an earlier age as the salt of the profession if only because of his lifelong determination to go from job to job, part to part, with as little time as possible in between.

"*Bingo*? It's a sequel to *The Tempest* really; remember *Prospero's* last speech? Clearly some kind of melancholy had set in to Shakespeare by then and that's the mood of the man in Bond's play. I suppose if he were living nowadays they'd give him some happy pills and that would be it. But Bond's written about him in retirement, living at Stratford, being visited by some of the people from his past including me as Beo Jonsson. We only have one scene, marvelous as it is, to do together: Jonsson hardly ever stops for breath and I'm first up after the interval. It's their last meeting, when Jonsson on his marathon walk to Scotland and he stopped off at Stratford to see Shakespeare as well as to tell Shakespeare that the Globe had burned down and also incidentally to touch him for a loan. There's not much love lost between them in the play: Jonsson bared the serenity, the success above all, of his Shakespearean actor; he was more Rabelaisian, in and out of prison four times, but he'd been educated than Shakespeare and determined never to let him forget it—Jonsson created him with a strange mixture of envy and contempt, yet he was the only one at the time who realized that Shakespeare was forever."

For Arthur Lowe it will be a return to the 'joyful Court, where he played in Osborne's *Scandal*, in Evident and Henry Livens' *Key's Eye* during the Sixties; the dates, titles, characters and length of runs are all neatly inscribed in hand on a brown notebook which Mr Lowe keeps as if to reassure himself about the number of times he has done it. The book starts in 1945 when he turned pro after a war which had seen him active first in the Middle East and later in Army Welfare (Live Entertainment Division).

"Hulme Hippodrome was where I started; Frank H. Fortescue's company, twice nightly. What kind of shows? *Rough, Smiling, Through, Jane Eyre, Flare Path*, all the classics. Very soon it became clear to me that I was the greatest actor who ever lived. Mind you, it took a fair time to convince anybody else. Still, it seemed a pity to deprive myself so I kept at it."

"Not that I'd always meant to be so acm. I left school in 1931, just in good time for the Depression. Then I worked for Brown Brothers in Manchester selling motor accessories. But my father was on the railways, and he worked his way up to being a sort of excursion organizer, in charge of all those rail outings which took in lunch and river steamer and was all the journey. He was also in charge of moving theatre companies from town to town (in those days they'd hire a whole train and transport company and scenery all together) so I rather wanted to make all the arrangements with them for the London North-Eastern, so when I told him after the war that I wanted to go into the business he was able to introduce me to Frank H. Fortescue. There were five theatres at the time on the road in Manchester, the four of them Fortescue's. You used to get off the train at Manchester Central, cross the road to Cox's Bar where they kept a list of artists wanted, and you could pick out enough work to last six months."

"I met my wife in the Fortescue company: Joan Cooper, lovely actress, gave it up to bring up the children but she's back at work now the boys are grown up—David's a schoolmaster and Stephen's in the Merchant Navy."

In 30 years Arthur Lowe has never been out of work and never, at any rate until the success of *Dad's Army*, tumbled any work down: "I travelled a lot, took everything that was going, played whatever had to be played. How can you say you're an actor if you're not acting? An actor who can't support his family shouldn't be an actor. There's nothing so special about being an actor, nothing which allows you to be out of work any more often than a bus-driver."

"Mind you, there was more work for the taking when I started; you'd be at Bromley for a season and they'd say 'Sorry Arthur, nothing for you here next week' so I'd hop off the train at Fenge or Croydon instead and go to the theatre there and say 'Anything next week?' and they'd say 'Yes, £12'. In those days you never asked what the play was it was £12."

"I was never any taller than this, it's not as though I've shrunk, and I started going bald at 23 so I was a cinch for

character parts—the joy of growing older is having to use less make-up."

"Extra actors emerge totally unscathed from long identifying runs in popular television series: Lowe has done it twice, but how? "Well, with *Swindley* in *Coronation Street* I had a contract with Granada which meant I only had to do it for six months in every year, so unlike the rest of that cast I could get back to the theatre for at least half of my time. When they first offered it to me I thought *Coronation Street* was going to be a local show for Manchester only; then after the success of the first few years they peeled *Swindley* off into his own series and I did that for a while. But managements in the theatre have been very good to me, they all knew me before the TV series so they think of me as a character actor, not as a televisioner who can't do anything else."

"If there's anything I dread it's being a personality—at Granada I always refused to sign autographs and open fetes and they couldn't understand it but I think it's essential for an actor to be unknown off the stage; that way you have a clean slate and you can draw a fresh character off it every time."

"In the theatre, I've done almost everything except a high-wire act: I've done musicals, comedies, tragedies, classics, the lot. In films I've not been so lucky: I'd just got started there when the market collapsed, but I have been in four for Lindsay Anderson and of course, there was *Dad's Army* film, too—we also do the 'Army' on radio and long playing records now, so it's become almost a living. But I'm still determined not to get caught doing just Mainwaring, though it does mean that the pressure's off at least and I can turn down the rougher jobs. Anyway, I can have my holidays without worrying about losing work, but the trouble is that I went so long without holidays now I don't know how to spend them."

"What next? "A documentary about *Pastor* which the BBC is doing, it's about the man who started the first night school, that people would start laughing as soon as I appeared but I managed to persuade them I could do it; they've been asked by Peter Hall to go back to the National when they move *The Tempest* into the new building next spring and there's an idea that I might stay on there and do some of the old Aldwych farces as well as some *Shaw* and maybe *Pinter*. . . I find all that a bit tiring but I'd be a fool to turn it down out of a kind of sheer laziness. When the parts being offered are better than ever, who's to say stop? Besides man can't live by the Royal Court alone."

Sheridan Morley

admits defeat. That is the comic maladjustment; and Tom Courtenay's indefinably anarchic performance, chipping away at the domestic facade, meeting the family's wrath with submissive guile, and tanking up on dandelion wine as preparation for the next adulterous lunge, is his funniest since *Billy Liar*.

Norman propels the plays towards their climaxes. In between, the comic momentum is kept up by Aychkourn's eye for suburbia and his hardy virgin territory, but the point is not novelty of insight but the use he makes of things that everyone has noticed. The family assemble for dinner without being sure where to sit. The matriarch Sarah, the only woman, and after a fusillade of contradictory orders we find three men sitting opposite three women, with Tom on a chair too low to the ground that Norman addresses him as a toddler for the rest of the meal.

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Dance Theatre of Harlem

The second programme of this all-black company from New York contains a new work of exceptional insight and imagination. *Forces of Rhythm* is the first ballet by Louis Johnson to be seen in London and shows him to be a choreographer of intelligence and skill.

On the surface, it appears to be an uncomplicated piece, a medley of different dance styles, ranging from Balanchine-style classicism to jazz, modern dance to ethnic, spiritual to showbiz. All these genres are adroitly handled by the choreographer and handsomely performed by the company.

It is ironic, however, that the loudest applause went to the stereotypes of what have been accepted as suitable styles for Negroes. Bursting into cheers before William Scott had finished his sinuous, brilliantly accented solo, many spectators seemed not to notice the way its ending contradicted the previous good humour in an agony of death throes.

The laughter for Paul Russell's strutting minstrel solo in black derby and white socks ignored the fact that by wearing nothing else except a sad loincloth the dancer was identifying himself with an earlier witch-doctor ensemble.

The Age of Innocence BBC 1

Later this season we shall apparently be seeing Harriet Crawley jump out of an aeroplane in a television series she has just made, so perhaps playing a television auntie is not really the dancing Miss C's style.

She certainly looked a hit too dark and wicked on Thursday as she announced *The Age of Innocence*, which is the title of a new and really rather good children's programme presenting paintings, poems, songs, and little tales all written by schoolchildren. Unlike most children's programmes, these were read out seriously and by no less than Alan Doble and Sara Kestelman of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The children's songs, too, were set to music and sung quite seriously by John Turner and Sarah Bale. So we were far removed from the jolly hockey sticks of ITV's *Maggie* or the funny voices and fell-about of the BBC's *Play Away*.

Beneath its suave surface, *Forces of Rhythm* poses some very bitter comments on the difficulties of Negroes in general and this company in particular. Why should they not prove themselves as good as white dancers at the noblest of all dance styles? But in doing so, must they abandon their black heritage? The problem is urgent: Johnson puts it shrewdly and incisively, all the more so because he makes his ballet very entertaining at the same time.

The other two new works are pleasant dance suites: school of Balanchine in Arthur Mitchell's *Holberg Suite*, with some lively invention in the *pas de trois* for Virginia Johnson, Homer Bryant and Paul Russell. Talley Beatty's *Caravansera* is based mainly on repeated short entries by members of its large cast, which makes it seem disjointed, but the movement is smooth enough (perhaps even too bland) and fluently danced.

Robbins's *Afternoon of a Faun*, the only familiar piece on this programme, gets a marvellously convincing performance from Lydia Ahrca, whose facial expressions are so subtle that she deserves better lighting. Ronald Perry plays the male role well, although perhaps too reticently; the Debussy music is attractively toured by the Royal Ballet's touring orchestra, borrowed for the season, under the Dance Theatre's conductor Tania Viera Leon.

home from the pub drunk as a door-mat. A boy wrote: "A lady should have a good memory so she will remember my feed the baby."

It is reassuringly old-fashioned most of the children sussed. They love animals, food, specially "loud" food, and annoying their big brothers. There was a Dylan Thomas query about the lad who said he loved being out at night, his dad had 16 pints and went into the kitchen and sat down on mother's teacup. Another boy had a tooth of Hemingway in the stoic account of how his pet snail was eaten by a rook: "I went for my air pistol, I fired on the rook. He flew away. I dug a hole and buried my snail."

The girls, as Miss Crawley pointed out, seem more interested in love than the boys. I must say that the work of the teenage girl, here carefully presented in film of lovers in shadows and dappled sunlight, seemed a bit soppy. My 14-year-old boy went out to play Roxy music at that point while the four-year-old, one after Miss Crawley's own heart, jumped out the window. The two-year-old sat hopefully waiting for further mention of noisy food. But perhaps they're not typical. At least, one can always hope.

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I loved it. But except very rich with unlimited funds for travel. one I suspect, feel a little led and even confound. lia seems more like West or Hongkong than one expect. The continent is but the little up areas are very small. Both Sydney Melbourne are cities larger Rome, and Australia as a is the most urbanized of the English-speaking comies. In such circumstances would expect this area to with perhaps with a vance.

ave seminars for theatre and theatre profess in Melbourne, Sydney, ar and Adelaide. Every- I was delighted with me and the vitality. Yet I noticed a certain wistful many of the students felt they had seen terrible little rest of the English-spea- heare. It was essentially issue of isolation. Folly Australia is looking more towards the Pacific Asian neighbours. But cul- it still has very strong, st unbreakable links with and America, especially the English language is ved. Politically it is one to look to the States, but Washington, but will never be much and for Japanese language in Sydney or Melbourne. Over Australia arts centres merging in the big cities—ly of course that magnifi- colly, the Sydney Opera something with art- chies attached. In Mel- ne, for example, there is a fine gallery, which is pro- the basis for the yet m- pleted arts centre. The ey complex has become an arian symbol, threatening the kangaroo as the all- ranean emblem, but for t- the most modest, cente- adelaide if far less flam- is also far cheaper and at deal better equipped for simple purposes of provid- opera, ballet, drama and ers.

most of the arts' situa- is clear cut. For example, ballet the federal govern- is supporting the Austr- Ballet, which also receives its other grants from state occasionally municipal tes, and also each separate is encouraged to have its state ballet company, the funding comes chiefly from rather than federal tes. In opera the situation mewbat similar, as it is in

theatre. What happens to musical, the light comedies and lurid melodramas? These are traditionally the traffic of the so-called commercial theatre, and indeed it would be difficult and I submit, undesirable for the national alternative theatre to provide. In Britain it would be perfectly possible for the English National Opera to stage Stephen Sondheim's opera-styled musical *A Little Night Music*, but it would be et the cost of, say, a new Tosca, and through the expanded repertoire, would reach comparatively fewer people. Certainly the National Theatre could stage, say, *Cactus Flower*, but should it?

In Australia these choices seem to have come very close to the final decision: the theatre people in New York are also of the strong opinion that if some effective method is not found of subsidizing the Broadway theatre that type of theatre will be dead within the next five or ten years. And I imagine that in London, where the profit margins consequently more, attractive—people must be wondering whether the entertainment theatre is going to remain a viable prospect for very long.

Irene is not the most important aspect of the English-speaking theatre. Nor, for that matter, is *Oklahoma* or *My Fair Lady*. But I for one would be heartily sorry to see them go. They add to the gaiety of nations. And nations must find some way of paying for them.

Clive Barnes

The Norman Conquests

Coming out of the Globe Theatre you are surrounded by people telling each other that it's a bit near the home, and that Pamela really ought to see it, it would do her good, and that's just what you're like in the morning. It is the sound of suburbia, the sound of the public delightedly registering a direct hit.

That is one reason for saluting *The Norman Conquests*. Another is that nobody could accuse Alan Ayckbourn of having written a trilogy: a ludicrous portentous label for these three unassuming comedies. As before, Ayckbourn follows the rule of maximum craft and minimum pretension. In some hands this is a recipe for triviality, but not with this playwright who varies spontaneity and invention. "Unrealistic?" shouts Reg in defence of his latest board-game, "What about chess?", and launches into an imitation of horses juddering sideways. Ayckbourn's ferocity dilapidated old country house. Mother, after some illness, has retired to bed for good, thus blighting her youngest daughter's hopes of escape and leaving her to yawn away the evenings with the local vet, a slow-witted sexual non-starter called Tom.

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Less than superlative

It has not been a week to cause me in the next thousand words or so to reach for the superlatives. Despite an exceptional cast—led by Ralph Richardson and Irene Worth—I came away from Sunday's John Gabriel Borkman with the feeling that it would be all over to me if I never encountered the play again. I have not seen it perhaps on the stage it lives up to a hit; in sound it seemed only to offer Ibsen at his most doggedly expository, Ibsen the unremitting hewer-out of vast and probably cosmic moral dilemmas. Now the play sits in the memory like some massive Victorian sculptural tableau, ambitious, grandiloquent, filled with significance and aspiration, but in its effect as dead, as numbing as the weight of its own stone.

Sunday

Richard (Marriage Lines) Briers and Diana (Bless This House) Coupland play husband and wife in a comedy by the gently perceptive Julia Jones (ITV 10.15). The big cats get a conservation programme (BBC2 8.10). Repeats bring back the Great War series (BBC1 4.5), Alistair Cooke (BBC1 7.25), Solzhenitsyn (BBC1 8.15), Poulenc (BBC2 9.5) and a Feydeau farce (BBC2 10.0). —L.B.

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Travel These banquets are tremendously popular and variations on the same theme...

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Bridge Too much finesse

I have emphasized, too often perhaps, my belief that many unnecessary finesses are taken...

Bridge North-South game; dealer South.

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Chess The power of speech

If indeed the cynic is right and the sight of some 150 young chess enthusiasts...

Chess Black (Browne)

To prevent Black winning a pawn by 10... P.Q.K4; and 11... P.K15.

Chess White (Stean)

The idea of this move is to vacate a square on Q1 for his knight... P.K15.

GARDENING

Ken Muir's Strawberries... As mentioned in "A Strawberry Year" by Roy Bray last week...

LAWNMOWERS, MINI TRACTORS... CUTTERS AND RIDGE-ON MOWERS

Gardening A few cutting comments

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Gardening Harry Golombek

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Tory guns will fire then battle can commence

Regrettably enough, grouse shooting is not what it was in the upper reaches of the Conservative Party...

Deep reservoir of good will

Mr Wilson is wrong if he supposes that their resources are exhausted. Their personal capacity apart, he should remember that there is still a deep reservoir of good will towards the Conservatives...

Important issues to be resolved

In the most complimentary sense of the term, she is a didactic politician of unusual quality. It comes as no surprise that among Tory MPs Mrs Thatcher is more and more spoken of as a possible candidate for the party...

Extremists are essentially weak

True moderates, one might say, are balanced, measured, selfless. Extremists are by definition more than balanced, more than selfless, essentially more than moderate...

President Ford starts with a clean slate at the White House

President Gerald Ford faces a problem this weekend which would surely confound a British Prime Minister. Unlike No 10 Downing Street, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, or the White House as it is commonly known, does not have a permanent staff or archives...

recruited his own men. Without them, even those whose loyalty was not self-evident, the consequences could have been very different.

could depend more upon Congressional advice than his immediate predecessors. That is probably for the future. There is no doubt he is already prepared to listen to Congressional leaders and committee chairmen.

always permeated by the egalitarianism of the real America and this could not have been even after six years of Haldean and Ehrlichman ruling the roost.

Louis He

Why concern is growing over the 'language school' boom

'Desks are rarely provided; some operators do not have textbooks'

Last Thursday's unanimous decision of Brighton Council to call for a Department of Education and Science inquiry into "language schools, study centres, and similar organizations for foreign visitors" reflects the growing concern felt by many towns on the South Coast for their reputation as tourist centres.

many and Scandinavia. The impact of this invasion is considerable, and the 11 cases of shoplifting and the four cases of assault on foreign students reported in the Brighton Evening Argus in the past three weeks serve to illustrate the kind of problems arising from inadequate educational and recreational provision.

really "schools" or "study centres" at all. Desks, for instance, are rarely provided, blackboards are more common, but some operators do not even bother to provide textbooks. Where books are provided, they invariably turn out to be, without exaggeration, absolute rubbish, and students occasionally have to pay for them on top of the £130 to £150 they pay for three weeks' "education".

hored pretty rapidly, and are often eased out as they become staid. Naturally, a high turnover of teaching staff has effectively prevented any kind of unionization.

Sportsview

Bowls, a game to win when all seems lost



Two summers ago I began playing bowls. I was casting around at the time for several games to take up, after several years of inactivity. Football? At the age of 36, no. Rugby? The press box is safer. Cricket? I was always better at umpiring than playing. Squash rackets? I have tried it, but with no success. Golf? I could never hit the ball straight. Tennis? Badminton? Wherever I turned there seemed to be conclusive objections.

either in print or on television. It is still a game, not an exchange, a war, or the of a cult.

Tom Forester

Robert Southey: Poet happy to put gooseberry pie in the sky

Few English poets can have been parodied and ridiculed as much as Robert Southey, who was born 200 years ago on Monday. Lampooned during his lifetime and dismissed by subsequent contemporaries as Byron and Coleridge, and suffering by comparison with those giants, Southey has attracted little attention since his death—except for his prose work, which was practically faultless. Yet Southey's best verse has a charm all its own: delicate irony, an unerring sense of the absurd and the eccentric, and simple, readable rhythms.

professional writer (who supported a wife and seven children by his pen) and it is in those terms that he should be considered; that, and the tremendous capacity for learning, for picking up odd and interesting facts, which is displayed in his work, both verse and prose. He tells us himself how he wishes to be seen, in a poem written when he was 55: Robert the Rhymer who lives in the Lakes describes himself thus, to prevent mistakes: Or rather, perhaps, he it said, in There being plenty about for those who collect them. A man he is by nature merry. Somewhat Tom-frolic, and comical and indifferently necessary. Who has gone through the world, not mindful of self. Upon easy terms, he is content, with himself. Having some friends whom he loves dearly. And no lack of foes, who laugh at him sincerely. And never for great, nor for little things. Has he fretted his guts to fiddle-strings.



suffered the agony of paring when he was sent to boarding school. Little wonder that in later life his emotions were what one might call self-contained. Southey later attended Westminster School, from where he was expelled for writing in the school magazine an article against flogging. In 1793, he went to Balliol College, Oxford. He wrote: You are tall on old Ball I'll neither pass the cold and weary hours in heartless rites. Nor doze away the time. The fire burns bright. And, bless the maker of this window chair! (Of polish'd cherry, elbow'd, and saddle-scaled) This is the throne of comfort, I will sit. And study here devoutly. Devout study, however, was not a notable feature of Southey's Oxford career. He learned nothing except that he was a fluent writer of verse and gained little except the acquaintance of Coleridge, who was at Cambridge at the same time. His

"It was the English", Kaspar Berry-Pie cried. "Who put the French to rest. But what they fought each other for. I could not well make out; But everybody said, 'God bless it, that was a famous victory.' Two years and a second visit to Portugal, however, changed Southey's attitude. He developed a deep mistrust of Catholicism and embraced the 'free philosophy' which was to mark the rest of his life. In 1800 he wrote: France has played the traitor with liberty. England has mended its mending—will mend. I still have faith enough in Great Britain and hope enough of man, but my France I Freedom cannot grow up in that haberdashery of immorality. He began to read for the first time in English in Germany.

could write an ode to Gooseberry-Pie. Full of the theme, O Muse! What though the sunbeams of the West Blood glutinous and verdant hue? What though the Deer sprung along O'er springs turf, the Park's elastic view? Give them their honours due. O Gooseberry-Pie is best. A man who, though lampooned, can himself lampoon the cheap magazine rimes of the age in The Anatomy Pains of Abel Shuffleton: Sic held a cup and ball of ivory white, Less white the ivory than her story had I. Enapp, I watch'd her from my secret stand. And now, intent in innocent delight, Her taper fingers twirl'd the stiddy ball. Now lost it, following still with EAGLE sight, Now on the pointed end it fell. Marking her sport I mus'd, and musing sigh'd. Methought the BALL she play'd it with was HEART.

bowls in Scotland. I had been reasonably proficient at snooker—which is much more important than learning to slope arms. Snooker demands an accurate eye and instinctive judgment of distance and angle. So does bowls. I had been a Glasgow solicitor when the Spanish Armada had been substantially repulsed. Bowls has attracted its share of famous men. Shakespeare alludes to it, directly or indirectly, in at least two of his plays. Drake is alleged to have played on Plymouth when the Spanish Armada was over the horizon, though not has satisfied posterity that story is true. Cecil Rhodes a mentor of the game to Rhodesia. George Washington played in America. Konrad Adenauer in Germany. Tom Paul, an eighteenth-century radical plebeian, amused himself an old English mode of game (which still survives in Leazes, in Srissex. This is one charm of bowls that is nearly overlooked. This can be called for, for a more original word, luck-matter how skilled the player once the word leaves his lips there is nothing more to it. However, jealousy has its place on its sentimental tour. It ever graphically he gestural when it does exactly the way along the rink. If that is an intricate bump or a patch there, will the wood be it? Is the green as dry and as or as wet and slow, as was called? As for the grove of the in the vicinity of the jack-in-the-box, the game is a question of fractions. For these reasons bowls is a game in which the player never to give up your opponent has indulged in won. In my first competitive match I did not take the lead until the last end, when I suppose there is no better time to lead—particularly if you can position a friend of mine called 9-19, and his opponent a trifle of two spots. I was seated in a hopeless position, my friend, having as he put it given himself a pep talk as stood on the mat, that might have been the burning deck. All the chance he seemed to stand, proceeded to win in consecutive ends and the end 21-19. That God of recovery is with in the score of most players distinguished or humble—particularly humble. Who knows, it may happen in the EBA championships, which begin at Worthing on Monday.

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BACKLOG OF BUSINESS

President Ford begins his term of office with several advantages. After the shattering events of recent weeks there is sure to be a wave of popular support for the incoming President. Throughout the United States people will wish Mr Ford well and want to rally round him. For a man who may be unsure of his capacity to tackle the awesome tasks ahead such moral support will be a source of strength.

The Congress will be eager to give the new President its backing too. The bipartisan feeling, which was manifested in the effort to purge the country of the ill which beset it under the previous administration, can now be given a constructive outlet, in allying to the new President. How long this feeling will last, given the imminence of mid-term elections, let alone a new presidential election in two years time, is an open question. But for the time being, the perennial difficulty of a Republican President dealing with a Democratic-controlled Congress will not be the handicap it was.

The new Presidency will be a blend of continuity and renewal, and the first place for renewal is in the White House administration itself. The unfriendliness of some of Mr Nixon's staff for the special trust which is required of presidential advisers was the direct cause of his own downfall. Continuity in foreign policy, which is where it matters most, is secured by Dr Kissinger's agreement to stay on. It would have been understandable had the Secretary of State insisted on leaving his post, because he was, in a quite different sense from other senior ministers, Mr Nixon's man. His decision to stay, which will certainly be greeted outside the United States with great relief, gives Mr Ford's administration a flying start.

He had already made it clear, on the eve of becoming President, that he would seek to pursue the same foreign policy objectives as his predecessor. It is significant that in recent days *Pravda* has broken its studied silence about Mr Nixon's predicament to urge that détente is a continuing policy, not dependent on personalities. That is an encouraging sign. It implies that the gains of the past few years will not be squandered in opportunism by hardliners in Moscow.

Mr Ford used to be a hardliner himself, towards communism. But he, too, has made the pilgrimage to Peking, and the Chinese leaders know something of him. It should not be too difficult for the new President to reassure both the Soviet Union and China that this administration will keep bright the new understandings which American diplomacy has achieved. With the Middle East never far from the brink of war, and serious trouble in the eastern Mediterranean, it is essential that American foreign policy remains clear and firm.

Rather it is towards America's allies in Europe that Mr Ford needs to be more forthcoming. Last year's "Year of Europe" was a failure. There was some suspicion that Mr Nixon was trying to exploit the alliance to divert attention from his problems in Washington, and in any case, Dr Kissinger somewhat misjudged the conception of European partnership in his highhanded approach to events. Though the need for better consultation is now accepted by both sides, NATO is hardly in good

shape and American-EEC relations are strained. It is in the economic sphere that a new initiative is most urgently needed. The whole post-war movement towards free trade is undermined by the instability of currencies, mounting inflation in the western world, and the threat of protectionism. If in due course Mr Ford can persuade Congress to grant him the necessary authority to resume the trade negotiations launched in Geneva, it will be a major step forward; and he will anyway have to give urgent attention to international monetary problems.

The President's natural priority, however much foreign affairs preoccupy America's allies, will be domestic. He has said that his presidency is more likely to bring a change of style than of substance. That is, indeed, vital. An end to the system of overlordships by special assistants and a return to regular cabinet meetings, where department heads can report to the President directly, will set right much that was wrong.

The basic problems of the American economy, in unemployment and poverty, in waste of resources and misplaced consumption, in social and racial inequalities, cannot be resolved by the wave of a wand or in a two-year presidential term. What Mr Ford needs to do is to convey to the nation that his own sense of fair play and self-help will be encouraged in society as a whole. In place of shady deals among unsavoury interest groups, there needs to be decency and concern. Every new presidency offers the opportunity of a fresh start and Mr Ford has the qualities to take that opportunity.

presidency. But such an amnesty would presumably have to be a legislative act if it were to avoid the character of irregular executive interference in the administration of justice. The Congress might not take to it, especially having noted the absence of contrition from Mr Nixon's valedictory addresses. Anyway it would not be easy to define the precise bounds of Watergate for that purpose. However they were set there would be likely to lie outside them similar proceedings with as good a title to clemency. And if those proceedings were brought in, the thing would approach a general amnesty towards past corruption in public life, which is a great deal more than is deserved or required.

Perhaps some way will be found by the combined ingenuity of lawyers and politicians to keep Mr Nixon out of court without creating the appearance that justice has been bent for his purpose. But if not, if a choice has to be made, the safer course for the new Administration would be to allow Mr Nixon to stand trial, if trial is warranted, unappetizing as that prospect is.

WILL MR NIXON BE INDICTED?

Mr Richard Nixon is now a private citizen once again. Like any other private citizen he is answerable through the courts for any criminal acts which he may have committed. And on the face of the voluminous testimony gushing out of Watergate he may well be in jeopardy of prosecution. Yet there are probably few in the new Administration or on Capitol Hill who have any relish for the spectacle of a former President charged, possibly convicted and possibly imprisoned for offences committed while he held office. It is commonly felt that deposition and disgrace are punishment enough; that vindictiveness or the appearance of it should be avoided; and that the dignity and repute of the highest office in the United States have suffered enough already without the continuance of now unnecessary legal proceedings. These considerations point towards some act of immunity or clemency in Mr Nixon's favour.

Yet the purpose and value of the long, painful, tortuous endeavour to reach the truth about the Watergate affair has been to establish responsibility for

wrongdoing and to reassert the supremacy of law over executive power. Not the least of the principles to be reasserted is that no man is too great or too special to be exempt from the rule of law or the processes of justice. It would be paradoxical, if not actually a frustration of the purgation that has occurred, if the denouement were to be some special arrangement to protect the central figure in the affair with precisely such an exemption. Besides, some of Mr Nixon's associates, agents and tools have been convicted and sentenced, others are standing or awaiting trial. Common fairness dictates that he be joined with them if the evidence warrants it. These considerations point away from any arrangement, tacit or declared, to spare Mr Nixon from legal pursuit.

It might be possible to reconcile these contradictory indications by granting a general amnesty to all concerned in the Watergate business. It would in a way be appropriate for this presidency to grant an amnesty in respect of the conspiracy which brought ruin to the previous

CATASTROPHE IN BANGLADESH

The floods now stretching over nineteen thousand square miles of Bangladesh are of a scale and intensity unknown in living memory. For fifty days it has rained; rained in the uplands where the rushing waters pile up in the Ganges and Brahmaputra rivers; rained over the fields in which the summer rice crop was within a few days of harvesting; rained in a country that expects a rainy season at this time of the year but has never known so vicious and relentless a fall going on for so long. Five inches in a day? That was never surprising in the month of July. But five inches three weeks in the month for close on two months defeats all emergency measures and shatters all hopes. No wonder Bangladesh looks despairingly out and cries for aid.

The notches downwards from suffering to catastrophe run thus: the peasants move to high ground hopefully waiting for succour and an end to the rising waters; they must have shelter of some kind from which they

can give the country spirit and hope. Latest reports do promise that the floods may now be reaching the turning point. The waters are stagnant and should soon begin to recede if fresh rainfall does not follow. But the irreparable damage has been done and the disaster is already inescapable.

The suffering is not confined to a countryside on which secure towns can turn their backs. At least five towns are completely submerged and most others have felt the force of the flooding including Dacca, the capital. The consciousness of the disaster is thus nationwide. As ever in such dramatic turnabouts aid needs to be quickly but not thoughtlessly applied. A survey is in progress by the International Red Cross and United Nations agencies have all been alerted. If only to restore confidence among the people gestures of world aid should be promptly made for this most luckless of countries and most long-suffering of peoples.

Federation in Cyprus

From Mr A. A. Pallas
Sir, Your Diplomatic Correspondent in your issue of July 29, summarises the options that have so far presented themselves for the solution of the Cyprus problem. These are: union with Greece which Turkey rejects; partition between Greece and Turkey, rejected by Greece; end the maintenance of an independent Cyprus, with a quasi-federal organization designed to keep the two communities apart, proposed by Turkey but not acceptable to Greece.

In this last case, it is necessary I think, to dot the i's and explain what is meant by a federal solution. It is the ordinary person is likely to be misled. The word "federation" has become a synonym of a union of separate territorial units. The Austro-Hungarian Monarchy was, for instance, a federal union between two countries. The old German Confederation was a federal union between a number of states. The United States of America is also a federation of states. The Swiss Confederation is a federal union of cantons.

soever. According to the Turkish view, it would be possible for the two communities, Turkish and Greek, to coexist within one unitary state—the state of Cyprus—but the members of each community would each come under a separate administration of their own—that is to say, there would be Turkish civil servants and Turkish judges to deal with the affairs of Turkish Cypriots. Similarly, the Greek Cypriots would have their own civil and judicial administration. This *sui generis* federation—a kind of "ham sandwich" federation it might be called—has been rejected by the Greek side as unwarrantable and destroying the unity of the state. If there is to be federation it must be on a territorial basis. But here we come up against a fundamental difficulty—it is not possible, with the present distribution of population, to divide the island into two sectors one of which will be predominantly Turkish. Turkish and Greek villages are inextricably mixed up all over the island and in many cases the villages are of mixed population—Turkish and Greek. If there is to be some kind of federal solution a start should be made by dividing the island into two cantons—one Turkish and the

other Greek—the respective areas to be determined on the basis of population. After agreement on the area of the two cantons, it should be followed by a compulsory exchange of populations similar to the one which took place in 1923 after the First World War under the terms of the Convention of Lausanne.

In this way no Turks would remain under Greek administration, which is what Turkey desires. The number of persons thus displaced would be considerable, but this would be a small price to pay for peace and quiet between the two communities on the island.

The two cantons would form a federation, the central Government retaining the control of exterior affairs, defence and customs dues. The President and Vice-President of the federal republic would remain, as at present, respectively Greek and Turkish, but with a curtailment of the extensive powers of veto now enjoyed by the Turkish vice-president, the abuse of which in the past has paralysed the functioning of the state. Yours truly,
A. A. PALLIS,
7 Plateia Mavili, Athens.

Nato short-war strategy

From Mr Colin Gray
Sir, The letter by Mr Alan Williams (August 5), which is laudable for its objectivity, has pointed out the potential damage to Nato that lurks within the Cyprus imbroglio, reflects that enduring over-fascination with the Balkans and the Near East that has been so unfortunate a hallmark of British strategic thought and practice.

Mr Williams claims that there are some who argue that "Western Europe's long-term credibility depends on the Central Front and the Central Front alone", while others—among whom Mr Williams clearly is to be numbered—believe that the "credibility of Nato as a whole" depends upon a relative shift of Nato resources from the centre and the north to the south. Under the present circumstances, Mr Williams' advice could hardly be less fortunate. In the first place, the military balance of the south flank of Nato (Italy, Greece, Turkey) is far more satisfactory than it is on the northern flank or in the central region. If anything, some Italian forces should be moved to Germany.

Secondly, Nato must resist to Germany if she is to resist anywhere. A war in Europe could be lost in three days of defeat on the southern flank would be strictly of local significance. —If the central front holds, Mr Williams' balance of the south flank strategy today is not between the advocates of more or less attention being paid to the southern flank, rather is it between the advocates of more or less attention to how best Nato should prepare to defend against the Soviet short-war doctrine on the central front. Recent studies from the Brookings Institution and the Rand Corporation have demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt that although Nato should win a long conventional war, the Warsaw Pact, with this well-substantiated conclusions indicating the very real potential danger in Central Europe, it is little short of frivolous to suggest that Nato's central and northern members should be more active in the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean.

The status quo ante might just be restored in the Balkans were the central front to hold, but it is difficult to see what Greece and Turkey could contribute to the liberation of a Western Europe that has been overtaken by the not an either-or situation. I agree with Mr Williams that the southern flank is important, but I happen to believe that the central (and northern) flank is far more important. If Nato had a sensible military posture that held our some responsible prospect for the defence of Western Europe, then it would be appropriate to consider what more could be done for Greece and Turkey. Yours sincerely,
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Tolerance of minorities

From Mr Anthony Blond and others
Sir, Trenchard Wells Council has refused to let its Assembly Hall for a recital in September. It objects not to the performer (who is of international repute) nor to the programme (of piano music by Chopin) but to the organisers, the Campaign for Homosexual Equality. Dread of homosexuals, like dread of dark-skinned strangers, men-servants and the number 13, is an old emotion but scarcely an intellectually respectable one. In fact, the council is being no more realistic than if it tried to balance the municipal budget by seeking the philosopher's stone. The council's action certainly makes the council look daft.

Unfortunately, it is likely to have more important effects as well. Democracy depends on reciprocal tolerance and on the majority's not cutting off harmless minorities from lawful means of self-expression. It is impeded when official power, derived from the whole community, is used to implement the prejudices of a few.

We appeal to the council to stop panicking and think. Can it name any specific harm it can reasonably expect to result if it allows those who do not believe in the value of money to do so in listen to Chopin on the strength of tickets printed by CHE? Does it seriously, after reflection, want to use its administrative-law power in a gendeel and within-the-law version of queer-bashing? Yours truly,
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MARTIN ENNALS,
PETER HAIN,
IAN RAY,
P. COLIN HARVEY,
JAMES HEMMING,
H. MONTGOMERY HYDE,
ARNOLD LINKINER,
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MICHAEL SCHOFIELD,
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Battered councils

From Mr D. W. PARRY
Sir, Your letter today (August 6) says that "the riotous tendency" is "concluded that there is profanity somewhere in the town hall". On the next page was a picture of residents doing as they pleased on a designated fence with paint provided by the Lambeth Council.

You might be interested to know that the fence you pictured now has an inscription painted no doubt by a ratepayer and equally no doubt at his own expense: "If the council had its own money to waste why not the rates". Yours, etc.
D. W. PARRY,
4 Guildford Road, SW8,
August 6.

The taxing of capital transfers

From Mr C. N. Beattie, QC
Sir, May I congratulate Mr Healey on his very sensible capital transfer tax proposals? He has grasped the point which has eluded his Conservative predecessors that a tax must apply universally without special exceptions and reliefs. This closes the door to tax avoidance, does justice as between one taxpayer and another, and embles the overall taxes to be reduced.

Mr Healey has reduced the confiscatory rates on transfers on death which were operative under previous Conservative administrations, and at the same time has closed the loopholes which those administrations left open. The rates of capital transfer tax stated as maxima in the White Paper are still far too high, but the rates actually imposed may prove in the event to be below these stated maxima.

There is a hint in the White Paper that special reliefs may be given to full-time farmers and business men. I trust that the Government will firmly resist any such proposal, which would begin to erode the principle of universal application. The right way to avoid undue damage to farmers and business men, or anyone else, is by reduction in the overall rates of tax.

I hope that Mr Healey will bring his considerable acumen to bear on the capital gains tax, and reach the conclusion that it ought to be abolished. This tax is remarkable in containing in a single tax nearly all of the worst features that a tax can have. It is unfair, as there is no reason for taxing a capital gain rather than original capital; it lends itself to avoidance on a scale which is unique among taxes; it is damaging to business; it is expensive to collect; and its yield is frugal except when it taxes inflationary gains which are not gains at all. The introduction of a thoroughly sound rate of capital gains tax in the form of a capital transfer tax is surely the occasion for the abolition of the capital gains tax. Yours faithfully,
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From Mr George Polanyi and Mr John Wood
Sir, In referring (Letters, August 8) to our paper on the distribution of wealth, Professor John Vaizey wrote that "the authors suggest that 31 per cent of total personal wealth in 1970 was owned by 1 per cent of adults". Not so. What we said was that the share of the total wealth owned by 1 per cent of adults was 31 per cent. The lack of reliable data about wealth and wealth holders cannot, in our view, be made good by the misleading use of data compiled for other purposes is the case of estate duty. The White Paper on the wealth tax, which incidentally does not help us with any new figures—seems to support our view that so many conceptual and statistical difficulties exist that estimates about the distribution of wealth must be made with considerable caution.

Nevertheless, even an incomplete allowance for wealth in the hands of the majority of the population, but omitted or understated in data from estate duty leads to an amended estimate that the share of the richest 1 per cent of the population is 14 per cent. Moreover, this makes

State shipbuilding

From Mr Max Davies
Sir, The principal reason for nationalizing the shipbuilding industry and its associated industries is, says the Secretary of State, because of the need for heavy and purposeful investment.

The Government intends to create a national oil corporation "to take charge of the control and distribution of North Sea oil", a field of operation which demands huge investments with long time and essential needs for foresight, initiative and close cooperation between the technical and accounting arms. On May 18 last you reported a speech by Mr Richard Marsh, Chairman of the British Railways Board, in which he showed his impatience with government policy whatever party was in power, when he said that "not one of the five year investment plans the railways produced had remained intact for more than six months. This was due to the inability and unwillingness of government to provide the funds for more than an inadequate period ahead". Contemplation of the actions foreshadowed in paragraphs one and two above in the light of paragraph three fills me with foreboding, and I am sure most of us will be sympathetic to all those likely to be affected and precisely what consultations has he had before reaching his decision? His list for future consultations gives us the answer. Mr Benn has made his decision in principle and only now will permit those who work in the industries concerned to discuss the precise form of their dismemberment.

Curbing football hooligans

From Mrs Joan Marsh
Sir, Marcel Berlins's article in *The Times* (August 7) about magistrates' powers to deal with football hooligans exposes the lack of facilities available to the courts.

He touches only briefly and not quite accurately on the possibility of using senior attendance centres for offenders from 17 to 22 years of age, saying that they have not proved to be of much value. In fact, there is no proof either way, as no official evaluation has ever been made of the two centres, at Greenwich and Manchester, opened experimentally some 11 years ago. A small working party of magistrates from Inner and SE London, of which I was a member, came to the conclusion in 1971 that there was a place for at least one senior attendance centre in every large urban area, and for several more in the Greater London area. We also made recommendations for certain improvements in their running, and suggested that there should be some built-in reassessment.

We continue to press for an assessment of the two centres and consideration of our recommendations, but all too often get the reply that there is no need for any centres now that courses can make community service orders. I find this argument quite unacceptable and indeed a little ridiculous. The kind of offender who needs to be sent to an attendance centre is likely to be wholly unsuitable for community service, to which, incidentally, he can only be sentenced with his agreement.

The powers of the few magistrates' courts who have a senior attendance centre in their area are no more than 24 hours of attendance. (These powers are not presently available to higher courts.) In Greenwich and Manchester these hours are in practice two hours at a time on Saturday afternoons. No better way can there be of deterring the offender, and others, while at the same time removing him entirely from the football match he is likely to disrupt? Such attendance is a fairly mild deprivation of liberty, but a warning of custody and, unlike custody, does not disrupt family life or interfere with any job. Moreover, it is very cheap: the average cost of the whole of an attendance order was, in 1969, £4, compared with £30 a week to keep an offender in a detention centre. What better way can there be of deterring the offender, and others, while at the same time removing him entirely from the football match he is likely to disrupt? 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COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA August 9: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Clyde Submarine Base and HMS Neptune at Faslane, Dumbartonshire today.

Having disembarked from HM Yacht Britannia, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Dumbarton (Mr. R. Arbuthnot), the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence (Mr. Frank Judd, MP), the Lord High Commissioner (Mr. J. Cooke, RN), the Commanding Officer, Faslane (Commodore A. J. Cooke, RN).

Later this afternoon, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to visit the Royal Northern Yacht Club at Rhu, where they were received by Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Dumbarton (Mr. R. Arbuthnot) and the Commodore, Royal Northern Yacht Club (Mr. J. Dunlop, RN).

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Fédération Equestre Internationale, will attend the World Driving Championships at Frauenfeld, Switzerland, from August 30 to September 1.

Luncheon

British Council Sir John Llewellyn, Director-General of the British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Cadogan Hotel in honour of Mr. M. A. J. G. Cooke, RN, Director-General of UNESCO.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr. Colin McArthur to be head of the British Film Institute's new Film Availability Services department.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, August 10, 1949

Twelfth's absentees

From Our Correspondent Glasgow, Aug. 9.—Grouse will be more plentiful on Scottish moors this year, when the Twelfth comes round than in any year since the war, but many of the shooting lodges will be empty.

Forthcoming marriages

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and Miss F. Herbert The engagement is announced between Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and Miss F. Herbert, only daughter of Mrs. R. L. D. Herbert, of Clymington, Sussex.

Mr S. K. W. Halfhide and Miss D. A. Smith The engagement is announced between Mr S. K. W. Halfhide, of Wild Wood, Fyfe, Essex, and Deborah Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K. A. Halfhide, of Ravensbourne Drive, Chelmsford, Essex.

Mr R. A. J. Hamilton and Miss M. M. McMichael The engagement is announced between Mr R. A. J. Hamilton, younger son of Commander and Mrs Innes Hamilton, of Fairway Road, Westbury, Wiltshire, and Valerie Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bradley McMichael, of Los Angeles, California, and of Lyne Place Manor, Surrey.

Dr T. J. K. Leonard and Miss J. Taylor Pole The engagement is announced between Dr T. J. K. Leonard, second son of Mr and Mrs W. Leonard, of Havlock Road, South Croydon, and Victoria Anson, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. G. Anson, of 10, St. George's Road, Sand, rue d'Aulnay, 92290 Clamney Malabry, France.

Mr A. S. Evans-Tipping and Miss F. Morrison The marriage took place on August 7, at St. Andrew's Church, Odium, of Mr Christopher Evans-Tipping, son of Mr Francis Wynne-Evans, Wadhurst, Sussex, and Miss F. Morrison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Morrison, of the Bury House, Odium, the Bishop of Winchester officiated, assisted by the Rev Philip Tidmarsh, A. B. C. M.

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Birthdays today

Colonel J. C. Barrett, VC, 77; Sir Hugo Boothby, 67; Mr John Hoag, 78; Captain Gordon Gray, 64; Air Chief Marshal Sir William Macdonald, 66; Lord Forrit, 74; Lieutenant Colonel Sir Guy Shaw-Sewell, 52; Major-General Sir Humphrey Tollemache, 77; Sir Lindsay Wellington, 73; Mr W. T. Wells, 66; Mr C. Montgomery White, 70; Mr P. H. Wright, VC, 58.

Tomorrow

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regiment of Wales, attends church parade, Brecon Cathedral, 10.55 am. Eastern English sculpture 10.00-11.30, Victoria and Albert Museum, 2.30 pm-6 pm. HMS Belfast: Floating, naval museum, Pool of London, 11 am-6 pm.

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Exhibition: The Athapascans—Strangers of the North, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 10 am-5 pm.

City Walk: Fleet Street and its tributaries, meet Law Courts, Strand, 3 pm.

Beach: The Beach. The 2nd Bn. Royal Green Jackets, Hyde Park, 3 pm-4.30 pm.

Two complementary views of human nature

By the Rev Dr F. W. Dillstone On July 24, The Times gave a brief report of a dialogue in St Mary-le-Bow Church between the Rev. Dr. F. W. Dillstone, Bishop of Exeter, and the Rev. Dr. F. W. Dillstone, Bishop of Exeter, and the Rev. Dr. F. W. Dillstone, Bishop of Exeter.

On July 25, The Times devoted considerable space to the theme of education. Three letters and a long article made an eloquent plea for comprehensive schools.



Mr D. L. L. Carrello Morgan, a Welsh bard and poet, aged 68, who has been chaired as bard 109 times. He is seen with four bardic chairs which he won at eisteddfodau.

Wealth tax means end for Longleat, Lord Bath says

By David Leigh Lord Bath, owner of Longleat, said: "I shall not be able to afford it. It is kaput for Longleat. Even a half per cent tax on the house would kill me."

Church news

Latest appointments: The Rev. R. G. Turner, Home Secretary of the Bible Churchmen's Society, Southsea, diocese of Portsmouth.

Services tomorrow: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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Science report

Computers: Machines that learn from mistakes

A new approach to computer programming emerging from artificial intelligence in the United States may go some way towards eliminating what has hitherto been one of the chief obstacles to machine stupidity.

Inquiry into future of opera-theatres

By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter An inquiry into the future of London's opera houses is being set up jointly by the Arts Council and the Greater London Council.

Mr Aspinall's plan for game park is opposed

By John Young Planning Reporter Plans by Mr John Aspinall, the former night-club owner, to found a 270-acre wildlife park in Kent are being opposed by conservationists.

Pledge on Civil Service jobs dispersal

From Our Correspondent Edinburgh The effort will be made to ensure that the dispersal of Civil Service jobs from London to Scotland will be on a voluntary basis as far as possible.

University news

Oxford Dr John Stone, BA (Cantab), OPhD (Oxon), formerly assistant professor, Columbia University, has been appointed to the Chair of Race Relations in the University.

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OBITUARY

PROF. E. PERROY Distinguished historian MR JOHN PANTING Sculptor and teacher

Professor C. O. Sayers writes: May I supplement your brief notice of the death of Professor Edouard Perroy, for he was not only acknowledged to be among the most distinguished historians in West Europe but he also made outstanding contributions to the medieval history of England.

I met him first exactly 50 years ago when he was appointed to the staff of the French Department at Glasgow University. Small, wiry, indefatigable, with a remarkable command of even colloquial English he was friendly at work upon his doctrinal theories which were published as The Diplomatic Correspondence of Richard II (1933) collected from the archives of Edinburgh, Paris, Rome and Barcelona, and as L'Angleterre et la Sicile (1935), which became at once the standard authority on the subject and will long remain so.

As a man and a friend, what most impressed—and it was a quality that he possessed from his student days—was a manner of speaking with a quiet calm and reasoned authority. His own scholarship was respected by all who met him. This led to his opinion being much sought after by his peers and students alike.

SIR JOHN McWILLIAM

Sir John McWilliam, Lord Lieutenant for the County of Fife since 1965, died in Edinburgh at the age of 64. He was county convener from 1961 to 1970.

DOWAGER LADY ABERCONWAY

A friend writes: It has been given to few to have such a happy life as Christabel Aberconway, who died on August 7, 1974, at the age of 92.

MISS MARGARET PILKINGTON

Miss Margaret Pilkington, whose death Sir Kenneth Clark, the first Director of the British Museum, described as one of the most distinguished scholars of her generation, died on August 7, 1974, at the age of 70.

Latest wills

Mr William Francis Martin Madden, of Plumpton, Sussex, former Conservative MP for Hove, and Hitchin, who founded Andis of Great Britain, left £215,015 net (duty paid, £48,025).

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Mr Ford stresses resolve to tackle inflation as he meets economic advisers



Dr Paul McCracken (left) and Dr Arthur Burns: supporters of drastic budget cuts.

Donald Rumsfeld is one of the four men the President has chosen to form a special "transition team" to ease the changes from the Nixon to the Ford Administration.

Capel-Cure and Myers will merge in November

By Maurice Barnfather. Stockbrokers Capel-Cure and Carden and Myers and Co are to merge on November 1, with incorporation planned for next April.

Executive shake-up at Triumph Investment Trust after losses of £19.5m revealed

By John Pleoder. Sweeping management changes, a heavily qualified audit report and provisions and write-offs of over £21m are revealed in the annual report and accounts of Triumph Investment Trust.

Mr Ford "underlined his determination to resolve to bring inflation under control" at this meeting, according to the new White House press secretary, Mr J. F. Horst.

Bonn sees second half growth rise

Bonn, Aug 9.—West Germany's Economics Ministry forecast today that gross national product, and in particular domestic demand, will grow more strongly in the second half of this year than in the first six months.

Strike makes 3,000 idle at Longbridge

By R. W. Shakespeare. Northern Industrial Correspondent. A strike over the sacking of two men alleged to have been fighting on the shop floor stopped car engine production at British Leyland's Longbridge plant, Birmingham, yesterday and made nearly 3,000 workers idle.

Big gas find reported in Siberia

Soviet geologists on the Yamal peninsula in northern Siberia have discovered a deposit of more than 1,000,000 million cubic metres of gas. Tass News Agency reported yesterday.

Ropner drops executive share option scheme

An executive share option scheme is to be abandoned at Ropner Holdings, the Darlington-based shipping, engineering and insurance holding group, because of criticisms made to the board.

Esso chairman attacks state oil participation

By Peter Hill. Government plans for increasing the level of state interest in offshore oil and gas exploration and development have been attacked by Dr Austin Pearce, chairman of Esso Petroleum.

£15,000 post at Treasury for Sir Bryan Hopkin

Sir Bryan Hopkin, aged 59, has been appointed chief economic adviser to the Treasury and head of the Government Economic Service at an annual salary of £15,350, it was announced yesterday.

Shipyard chief says Benn case 'totally false'

Vosper-Thornycroft, one of Britain's most successful specialist naval shipbuilders, yesterday launched a big campaign against plans to nationalize the shipbuilding industry, announced last week by Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry.

Armstrong Cork to set up £10m Teesside plant

Armstrong Cork, the British affiliate of the American Armstrong Cork group, is to invest £10m on Teesside. Announced yesterday, Mr Frederick Donnelly Jr, Armstrong's general manager of international operations, said that the group did not believe "scare" stories about Britain.

Chrysler trucks dearer

Chrysler Corporation aims to increase truck prices in line with the 9.5 and 8 per cent planned respectively by General Motors and Ford, Reuter reports from Detroit.

Italian trade gap

Italy reported a provisional trade deficit of 611,000m lire (about £400m) in June, up from 574,000m lire in May.

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Burmah facing \$17m damages claim by Geon. From Our United States Economics Correspondent Washington, Aug 9. Geon Industries Incorporated has filed a suit for about \$17m (£7m) against Burmah Oil Incorporated and its parent company, Burmah Oil Co.

Japan urged to keep money curbs. Tokyo, Aug 9.—Japan should continue its tight money and demand-control policies to strengthen price stabilization, Mr Ichida, director general of the economic planning agency, told a Cabinet meeting today.

How the markets moved. Rises: ARB-Latham 5p to 215p, Blythwood 2p to 87p, Burton For 2p to 22p, Delta Inv 3p to 43p, Hamersley 7p to 100p, Hocheat 5p to 280p, Hoshiyo "A" 3p to 37p.

THE POUND. Bank buys Bank sells. Australia 5 1.65 1.61, Austria Sch 44.75 42.75, Belgium Fr 95.50 92.75, Canada \$ 2.355 2.305, Denmark Kr 14.40 14.00, Finland Mk 8.95 8.70, France Fr 11.45 11.15, Germany DM 6.25 6.05, Greece Dr 73.00 70.00, Hong Kong \$ 12.20 11.85, Italy Lr 1,640.00 1,590.00, Japan Yn 745.00 720.00, Netherlands Gld 6.40 6.20, Norway Kr 13.10 12.75, Portugal Esc 62.20 58.50, S Africa Rd 1.94 1.87, Spain Pes 135.50 132.50, Sweden Kr 14.61 14.30, Switzerland Fr 7.20 6.95, US \$ 2.415 2.355, Yugoslavia Dr 37.00 35.00.

If you hold shares consider exchanging them now for units in any of 25 Save & Prosper Group funds. With stock market prices at their current lower levels—and individual liabilities to capital gains tax therefore reduced or eliminated—now could be a favourable time to effect a partial or total transition from shares into units.

Grouse

Why, oh why does the Treasury keep on announcing new and improved issues for National Savings months before it is ready to introduce them?

Pensions

Why women have lost out on pension rights

Mrs Castle will—so far as any thing is certain in politics—introduce legislation with the objective of removing discrimination against women in occupational pension schemes.



"Some jobs are more often filled by women and others by men, and it is difficult to see this situation changing."

Perhaps the greatest problem in this whole area is the difficulty of getting the old legislation past to leave more and more discretion in the hands of the regulatory authorities.

One might suppose that such a sweeping power to apply subjective judgments would cover any possibility of abuse; but the volume of work involved, dealing with tens of thousands of schemes, would require an army of civil servants unless clear guidelines were laid down—effectively removing the element of subjective judgment.

The intention behind this requirement was widely recognized to be unenforceable. The commonest device was to specify that membership of the scheme was open to "pensionable staff" (or "established" staff or any other suitable designation).

This situation illustrates the major problem facing any sort of non-discrimination legislation: unless it is made illegal to provide benefits for any employee unless corresponding

benefits are provided for all, it is impossible to prevent the definition of categories in a way which in practice discriminates against a particular group.

Deliberate evasion, although there will always be a certain amount of it, is never likely to be widespread among the larger employers. What is even more significant is the way in which the same effect may be achieved innocently. Some jobs are more often filled by women and others by men, and it is difficult to see this situation changing.

It is quite possible that the categories offered membership of a scheme will include predominantly men; equally, better benefits may be offered to a group which is predominantly male. The reasons may have nothing to do with sex discrimination.

There is a good case for extending provision to all members of the full-time work force, but this is nothing to do with discrimination between the sexes. Yet it happens that the proportion of women in supervisory grades is lower than in the rank and file, and therefore fewer women than men benefit from a scheme for supervisors.

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Wealth tax

How much are you worth? New tax bites at £100,000

The long awaited Green Paper on the proposed wealth tax was published on Thursday. The purpose of the Green Paper is to stimulate public discussion on the next tax and we have until the 1976 Finance Bill to do just that.

The Green Paper does not tell us what the rate of tax will be but gives two possible scales which might or might not be used. Both take into account the value of the first £100,000 of assets; the lower scale indicates rising percentage rates from 1 per cent at £100,000 of wealth to 21 per cent at over £5m of wealth, whereas the higher scale would levy 1 per cent at £100,000 to 5 per cent for wealth over £5m.

The estimated yield lies between £200m and £425m. As a matter of interest this is roughly equivalent to the loss of yield to the Treasury through the recent cut in VAT from 10 per cent to 8 per cent.

As the new tax will not fit into the existing Inland Revenue administration a separate organization is to be set up to administer the tax. Any individual who thinks that his wealth exceeds the exemption limit should then volunteer that information to the organization which, in order to encourage non-volunteers, will be given power to seek out information about an individual's wealth through various sources.

In principle the taxable individual will be liable to wealth tax on all his chargeable assets including the value of his home. This purpose it is probable that a husband and wife will be regarded, as they are for estate duty purposes, as separate taxpayers but the wealth of minor children will be aggregated with that of one of the parents.

The normal rule will be that the child's wealth will be aggregated with that of the parent from whose side of the family the wealth derived. No consideration is given to the perfectly normal situation where a child receives a legacy from someone outside the family.

The Green Paper states that it would not be practicable to require a valuation of all normal household and personal assets. A possible solution to this problem is to give a separate exemption up to a certain value for personal and domestic property; the exemption might include cars used primarily for private purposes.

This country already taxes individuals more highly than any country in Europe and with this point in mind the Green Paper considers the interaction with existing taxes and proposes that consideration be given to putting a ceiling on the total taxes paid by individuals. No decision on the matter has been taken.



The Chancellor announcing his planned taxation measures

purely by reason of the fact that the value of their houses has greatly increased in recent years.

Similarly the linkage between the present income tax investment income surcharge and the wealth tax is recognized and there is a possibility that the taxpayer will only pay whichever is the higher of the two.

Although pension rights will in principle be excluded from the wealth tax, this concession will not apply to savings by means of life assurance. So the value of life assurance policies made for involuntary gifts—ie on death—made during this period. And the assurance was that the existing estate duty provisions would apply.

It is a pity, however, that executors of wills have not been given the option between choosing between the new and old arrangements where probate has not been granted, particularly when the new system is so much more advantageous for surviving spouses.

If, as intended, the capital transfer tax along with the proposed wealth tax, is to be redistributive, it is perhaps surprising that the tax is to be levied in the hands of the donor, not the recipient. The reason for this is purely administrative. The capital transfer tax is being built upon the old estate duty legislation, which is a tax on the deceased person's estate, and so the same principle of taxing the donor has been retained here.

The principle, however, is not sacrosanct and one day the donor could be turned upside down to become a tax on the beneficiaries of gifts, not the donor.

As the tax officially comes into operation when it was first announced in the Budget, when its terms were not yet known, some arrangement had to be made for involuntary gifts—ie on death—made during this period. And the assurance was that the existing estate duty provisions would apply.

Eric Brunet

Capital transfer tax The cost of being generous

Table with columns: Proposed Capital Transfer Tax, Estate Duty, Slice of chargeable assets, Rate, Slice of estate, Rate.

The value of one's estate at death is added on to the total of gifts made during one's lifetime which will establish the appropriate tax rates.

However, generosity hasn't been totally penalized. In the first place the first £15,000 of lifetime gifts are exempt from tax. Then £1,000 of gifts can be given each year without incurring a tax charge. For wedding gifts there is a special concession of £1,000 (£2,500 if one is an ancestor to either bride or bridegroom).

The third exemption is for gifts of net income which form part of the donor's normal expenditure and leave sufficient income to maintain his normal standard of living. The White Paper makes it clear that

Motor insurance Ups and downs in premium rates

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Another drawback to motor insurance is that the motorist who is attracted one year to another insurer may move again in the following year. This may be his policy to "shop around" each year and a company is involved in the expense when losing a policyholder, since the renewal payments will have been organized before the policyholder's decision is known.

Finally, many insurers feel that the experience of the insured by them for the first time tends to be worse than for those of longer standing. There are various reasons for this, one of which is that motorists are not always completely satisfied when making a claim. Another is that the insurer is often another and giving the new insurer details of their past experience.

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Ferguson Industrial Holdings Limited. At the Annual General Meeting, Chairman Denis Vernon reported for the year ended 28 February 1974 profit before tax increased from £567,309 to £1,081,182. Net assets now 67p per share. Return on capital employed is 25%. Earnings per share have risen at an annual compound rate of 41.6% over the last 5 years. 1st quarter sales for current year £4,172,000 and unaudited pretax profit £225,000. 3 new warehouses planned for next 3 years. Additional medium term loan of £400,000 has been negotiated.

Unit trust performance table. Columns: UNIT TRUSTS: Growth and Specialist Funds (progress this year and in last three years), Unitholder Index 1284.7, Unit from January 1, 1974. Lists various funds like Hill Samuel Findex, Abacus European Gth, etc.

John Drummond. Motor insurance. The second extract from the Humphrey Tax Guide will be published next week. Text discussing insurance and tax implications.

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Status Discount withdraws from furniture trade with £231,000 loss

Poor sales have forced Status Discount, the retail stores group, to withdraw from the furniture and carpets trade...

Sphere buys investment portfolio for £5m

Sphere Investment Trust has sold a subsidiary called London & American Investment Trust...

Anglo Welsh opposes Ashbourne move

With Tuesday's extraordinary general meeting drawing near, the board of Anglo-Welsh Investment Trust (Continuance) is urging shareholders to vote against an attempt to utilize the company by E. S. Schwab...

Severe downturn at Customagic

The 1973 recovery of Manchester-based Customagic Manufacturing (when profits were more than doubled) has proved to be short lived...

Eldridge Stableford sells Stephen stake

Eldridge Stableford, which backed Jobo Stephen of London the clothing group when it was marketed in 1972, has disposed of its holding of 735,335 ordinary shares in £29.4 per cent to Mr P. A. Davis of Harrow, Middlesex.

Scottish Auto back to profitable trading

Car and commercial vehicle distributor, Scottish Automobile, says it has now mastered the problems facing the motor industry because of the economic situation...

Noble & Lund passes dividend

Because of the three-day week and a supply of building materials, Noble & Lund's interim profits did not come up to expectations...

Canpac Investments

Net income of Canadian Pacific Investments in the first six months of this year rose by \$25.1m to \$63.2m (£27.5m). After dividends earnings rose from 71 cents to \$1.13 a share.

Godfrey's haltime loss

Godfrey's, the property investment and motor trading concern which is controlled by Burston Group, moved into the red in the first half to April 30. Turnover in the period was more than halved from £2.98m to £1.39m...

Stoneware lower

A year ago profits of Stoneware, the Birmingham-based suppliers of building materials in which Mr C. R. F. Tompkins, Green Shield Stamps, has a controlling interest, returned taxable profits showing a 21 per cent increase...

Grand Central Inv. Kuril's Plans

Grand Central is recommending Kuril's central and ask GCP Investment Holdings to allow their current offer for GCI to lapse to day, its initial closing date...

English China Clays

Group has acquired 50 per cent stake in international Drilling Flits, excluding their American activities. IDF is major manufacturing company.

Jamesons Chocolates

Half year pre-tax profit £231,000 (£218,000); turnover, £1.56m (£1.23m); interim dividend, 1.25p (same).

Concrete

Sir Kenneth Wood, chairman, says in report there are signs of improvement in demand for public high-density housing, which may help to neutralize shortage of other types of work.

Bankers' week

Bankers' week... The Bank of England...

Woodrow

Woodrow... The company...

Profit cheer again for National Carbonising

Cheerful news from National Carbonising is that for the first time for three years the group has returned to profit. While Mr E. Davies, chairman, is quick to point out that one swallow does not make a summer...

Pilkington Bros weigh up 'political risks'

Yesterday's annual meeting of the Pilkington Brothers, the glass group, heard from Sir Alastair Pilkington, the chairman, that they were planning to invest more than £150m in the next three years, but any decision to go ahead with the schemes would depend on all conditions, including the political risk.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table with columns for Eurobond prices, including 5 STRAIGHTS, American Motors, and various international bonds.

ASSOCIATED TOOLING

Out of turnover of £1.27m (£210,000) profits last year were £220,000 (£49,000) pre-tax. Dividend is 2.50p. Mr A. P. Pappas, chairman, expects growth to be maintained.

Problems for societies

The word "indexation" first entrenched in the dial glossary, thanks to the women's proposals for cost-ving-indexed bonds and contracts, it is now up to most closely affected to what indexation means for No one needs to make that more urgently than building societies.

Some bonuses should vary

terminal bonus really is to be a final settle-up. A few offices have held their terminal bonuses steady and others, among which is the Prudential, have made increases. While an increase now may look fine, it does mean that, when times were good, policyholders were not being paid as much as they could have been paid; a substantial amount of profit was being held back.

Briefly

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

New lows for hire purchase shares

The London stock market viewed the last Act of the Watergate drama without any great enthusiasm yesterday. There was some initial nervousness regarding the possible effects on sterling of the change of President in the United States. But by midday equities had almost abandoned trading for the week and prices were hovering around their overnight levels.

Recorded bargains for the London "floor" were a mere 4.312-starvation rations in terms of buying commission. The point was driven home by the disclosure of one further merger between two banking firms and the collapse of talks aimed at merging four others.

Oil shares looked a shade better than the rest of the market with Shell edging up to 180p to further response to good second quarter figures. Over the week, Shell have now risen by 14p. BP added a further 2p to 352p yesterday.

The hire purchase shares continued to tremble as the situation disclosed by the results from United Dominions Trust, whose shares lost a further 3p to a new low of 31p. Also at new lows were Mercantile Credit, 4p off at 27p, and Wagon Finance, 1p off at 30p.

While the banking leaders managed a batch of small gains yesterday, there were minor losses in the merchants. Slater Walker Securities, with profits due shortly, dipped 2p to 18p. Insurance issues looked uncertain. The involvement with Budge Bros, suspended on Thursday, took a further 2p off Royal Insurance, at 180p. But Prudential Assurance closed unchanged at 81p.

But there was not much action on the major industrial share pitches. Among those to close a couple of pence either side of previous closing levels were Bectham (182p), Courtauld (94p), Finsis (204p) and ICI (190p).

Tube Investments, with figures due, closed firmly at 189p. But GKN (142p) lagged behind, and shipbuilders were a quieter session. Vickers, easier this week on the sale of a substantial share stake by Wab Hudson, held steady at 93p yesterday.

Gold shares had a good session, extending gains during late dealings. The gilt-edged market was extremely quiet, with the only feature of any note being two short-dated stocks going "ex dividend". Otherwise prices were steady, but looked as if they might move a shade higher at times.

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Foreign Exchange

Dollar firm after resignation

Foreign exchange markets were quiet yesterday, with the dollar firm and stable after President Nixon's resignation. This had been largely discounted in trading earlier this week and intervention by the Federal Reserve as New York opened in the afternoon was suspected, although the amount was not substantial.

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Credit ease for discount houses

Mining

The Gold Fields Group reported profits for the year to June 30 was \$38.3m against \$15.3m in the previous year, reflecting mainly a more than doubling in investment income from \$15.6m to \$34.2m. Surplus on realization of investments was also sharply up, from \$2.9m to \$7.1m, while net income from fees, interest, etc, increased from \$0.8m to \$3m.

Earnings a share rose from 89.6 cents to 219.8 cents during the period. The final dividend is 115 cents making a total of 150 cents or 150p against 60 cents total in the previous year.

Falconbridge nickel mines: First half net earnings were \$22.2m against \$19.8m and revenues were \$246.4m (\$200.8m). Earnings per share rose from \$4.01 to \$4.61.

Noranda copper force majeure extended

Toronto, Aug 9.—Noranda Sales Corporation said it advised United States customers that the 20 per cent force majeure on copper shipments for August will remain in force during September.

Forward Levels

Spot Position of Sterling

Market rates: 1 month, 2 month, 3 month, 6 month, 12 month. New York, London, etc.

Authorized Unit Trusts: 1974, 1973, 1972, 1971, 1970.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Table with columns for Unit Name, 1974, 1973, 1972, 1971, 1970. Includes units like Abbey Fund, Abbey Growth, etc.

Insurance Bonds and Funds

Table with columns for Fund Name, 1974, 1973, 1972, 1971, 1970. Includes funds like Abbey Life Assurance, etc.

Commodities

Copper declines £22.50 a tonne

After an early sharp decline COPPER prices rallied in the afternoon but still closed £25.00 down for cash and £25.50 down for three months. Covering and pre-wedlock book squaring caused further recovery after losses of £40 for cash and £25 for three months had been recorded.

In the morning news of President Nixon's resignation was considered a background feature in so far as buyers showed some caution in face of persistent selling, part of which was influential. The main reasons for the decline, however, was the scheduled resumption this weekend of union talks with the strike bound United States copper companies. Some quarters also thought that expectations of a further large stock increase this autumn were overshadowing the market.

Afternoon—Cash wire bars, 87p-76p; 3 months, 87p-76p; 6 months, 87p-76p; 12 months, 87p-76p. LME values: 3 months, 87p-76p; 6 months, 87p-76p; 12 months, 87p-76p.

Benquet Consolidated, the Philippines' gold producer, reported record consolidated after-tax net income of 42.74m pesos (about \$6.2m) for 1974's first half. Net income for the 1973 first half was 24,597m pesos.

MOORGATE (PROPRIETARY) Mr P. Davies has informed company his name is being changed to name Burlington Inv is about 29 per cent.

The Times Share Indices: The Times Share Index for 09.05.74 has risen 2.34 points since 09.05.73.

Recent Issues: Bank of England, 100p; Treasury Bill, 100p; etc.

Bank Base Rates: Barclays Bank 12%, FNC 13%, Hill Samuel 12%, etc.

Geovor pulls ahead: Consist in producer Geovor Tin Mines which moved back into profit last year moved further ahead in the year to March 31 last with profits at the pretax level showing an almost fivefold gain.

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FARMS & SMALLHOLDINGS

FIFE—SCOTLAND SMALLHOLDING FOR SALE, 9 ACRES.

Modern house, living room, fitted kitchen, 12ft. x 12ft. and bathroom, 9ft. x 6ft. Entrance hall, 9ft. x 9ft. Various outbuildings to good condition suitable for pigs or horses. OFFERS OVER £25,000.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY BROCK HALL FARM, CHELMARSH

A 340-ACRE DAIRY HOLDING IN THE SEVERN VALLEY, 6 MILES SOUTH OF BRIDGNORTH

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RENOWNED IN SUSSEX FROM THE BEGINNING IS NOT ISOLATED

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RICHMOND VILLAGE

Much-loved Victorian terraced house, 4 bedrooms, with fitted kitchen and bathroom, etc.

CLOSE TO LITCHAM COMMON SURREY

Two-year-old semi-detached house, 3 good sized bedrooms, living room, dining room, etc.

KINGSTON CLOSE RICHMOND PARK

Situated in own secluded leafy garden, this attractive detached house, 4 bedrooms, etc.

STURGIS & SON

Owner selling abroad must reduce price. Large 7-bedroom house, 1920s style, etc.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY

Situated on River Thames, set in 1 1/2 acres of garden, this detached house, 4 bedrooms, etc.

DELIGHTFUL NEW 3-STORY HOUSES

In pleasant secluded setting off Richmond road, near Twickenham, 2 houses, etc.

LONDON FLATS

Attractive first floor flat in central location, ready for immediate occupation, etc.

LITTLE VENICE, W.9

Delightful house in quiet private close near Victoria, 4 bedrooms, etc.

LUXURIOUS CHELSEA HOUSE

bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, double garage, back and front gardens, etc.

BRIGHTON

Luxurious house near Hotel de Ville, beautiful house in Roddon, etc.

ST. ALBANS

Attractive 3 bedroom Victorian style house with mature garden, etc.

BARGAIN

Beautiful 4 bedroom town house, 2 bathrooms, etc.

PROPERTY ABROAD

WANTED—SWITZERLAND anywhere between Vevey and St. Gingolph, etc.

FRANCE

Villa wanted in Cannes, Mougins Grasse district, etc.

COSTA DEL SOL

High quality 2 bedroom apartment, 50 yards from sandy beach, etc.

ORRHOGH

Small house, 3 bedrooms, 7ft 6 inch ceilings, etc.

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